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It is unreasonable to expect to rent a good store at the price asked for a poor one. Don't expect to get space in a live newspaper at the price asked by a paper on its last legs.

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Of all methods of advertising none is as cheap or effective as space in a good daily paper persistently used. The rates of the good ones are high, but they are worth the price.

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CHAS. F. VARNUM

Elected Supt. of Lands and Buildings Dept.

BY BOTH BRANCHES AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Early Test of the Law May be Made.

The way is now clear for an early and immediate test of the charter amendments.

Last night the city council elected Charles F. Varnum superintendent of lands and buildings, and thus removed every obstacle that has prevented an early settlement.

Previous to the meeting, the republican aldermen and councilmen held a joint caucus in Supt. Cheney's office. They talked over the situation in the lands and buildings department and endeavored to come to some agreement. They were at a great variance at first, and finally agreed to settle down to Varnum as a choice, as soon as one of the boards sent him to the other as their man. This caucus lasted almost one hour.

The democratic councilmen assembled in the aldermanic committee room. Supt. Bray and William F. Curtin, Esq., were present. The councilmen had been requested to support William T. True in preference to any one else for superintendent of lands and buildings. Councilmen Thornton, Miskella, Kennedy and O'Hare were willing to vote for Mr. True when they had a statement from him.

Then Mr. True entered the room and addressing the democratic councilmen aspired them that should they vote for him and elect him, no democratic school janitor would lose his job. But there were five against balloting, and the majority ruled.

It was stated that were Mr. True elected, Mr. Varnum would hand over the keys of the department to Supt. Bray.

This would place the latter in unquestioned possession and would leave him on the defensive, while Mr. True would be obliged to make the initial step in the test case.

That was the argument presented to some of the councilmen.

The result of the caucus was a decision not to ballot. The caucuses ended at 8.40 o'clock.

THE ALDERMEN.

It was 8.45 when Chairman Howe called to order.

The report of the inspector of milk and vinegar was ordered on file.

The following petitions were referred: Of E. W. Twohey for acceptance of a sidewalk on Madison street; of James Burns, for acceptance of a sidewalk on Concord street.

Alderman Hooper moved to ballot for a superintendent of public buildings.

"I object to the motion, and I believe it is out of order, because we have already elected George W. Pearson and have not received word from the council since then," said Alderman Peirce.

"The point is well taken," answered the chair.

It was then voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the chair.

Upon reassembling, the board adopted the order changing the meeting time from the first and third Tuesday evenings to the second and fourth Tuesday evenings.

Alderman Peirce's joint order referring that portion of the mayor's address relating to hawkers' and peddlers' licenses to the committee on ordinance and legislation was adopted.

A ballot was taken for superintendent of lands and buildings, and only six aldermen voted.

C. F. Varnum had 5, W. T. True 1, and Mr. Varnum was declared elected.

The board then adjourned.

THE COUNCIL.

The council meeting was called to order at 8.50 and after transacting concurrent business a ballot for superintendent of public buildings showed C. F. Varnum had 8, William T. True 9, and Mr. True was declared elected. The council then took a recess.

Upon reassembling Councilman Miskella moved to adjourn but was ruled out of order on the ground that no business had intervened since the last motion to adjourn was offered.

Notice of the election of Charles F. Varnum as superintendent of public buildings by the aldermen was read. The council then proceeded to ballot for a superintendent of public buildings. The vote was, C. F. Varnum 10, W. T. True 5, blank 1, and Mr. Varnum was declared elected in concurrence.

The council adopted an order changing the time of the meeting of the council from the second and fourth Tuesdays to the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The order will take effect after February first. On motion of Councilman Miskella the council then adjourned.

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RAILROAD WRECK.

Nine Cars Badly Smashed on the Boston and Maine.

Durham, N. H., Jan. 16—Nine freight cars on the western division of the Boston and Maine railroad were wrecked near here this morning. The cars derailed were badly smashed. A broken draw bar caused the accident and the loss will be heavy.

LOCAL NOTES.

One of Johnson's laundry wagons, became caught in the car track, near Hurd street, this morning and a wheel was snapped off.

The examination of applicants for admission to the training school and kindergarten schools will be held on January 22 and 23 at the high school building, beginning at 1.30 p. m. Friday.

Suits to order at half price. All our $30, $35, $40, $45 suitings and overcoatings marked down to $18, $20, $22, $25. 300 different styles in trousering, regular price $8, $9, $10, $11, marked down to $4.50, $5, $5.50. Cavanaugh & Dissault, Central, cor. Middle; telephone 253-5.

More than 500 dozen Zenda corsets sold in Lowell last year at Butterick's pattern and corset parlors. The large sale of the Zenda corset proves that ladies appreciate this great improvement in corsets. Prices $1 and upwards in 14 different styles. Call for Butterick's February fashion sheet. 204 and 206 Merrimack street.

The members of Ladd and Whitney ney circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., together with several of the members of Post 165, enjoyed a fine supper at Post 185 hall last evening. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Mary E. Dearborn, Mrs. J. H. Caverly, Mrs. Jennie S. Ferguson, Mrs. Charles, Brigham, Mrs. A. M. Stone and Miss May Potter.

DEATHS.

MOORE—Sarah Moore, aged 53 years, died at her home, 30 Massachusetts corporation, yesterday. She leaves a husband, two daughters and two sons, one of the latter a marine on the U. S. cruiser New York.

SEXTON—Sarah, wife of Patrick Sexton, aged 35 years, died this moring at her residence, 4 rear of 113 Adams street. Deceased was a highly esteemed member of St. Patrick's parish. A husband one son and three daughters survive. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

Police Court—Hadley, J.

Nine drunks, four of them being women, appeared in court today.

Mary Kelly received two little months in jail, while Mary Moran saw the two and went her two better at the same place.

Wm. Roach, charged with larceny, was continued.

It cost Charles A. Wilson $15 to keep an unlicened dog.

Ward Eight Republicans.

The members of the Ward 8 republican club held a banquet in Bay State hall last evening. There was a number of has beens in evidence. Ex-councilman George called to order.

Twelve Days Longer.

The time to get the 1 dollar bottles of Zyno for 25 cts. and other Mexican remedies at advertising prices is drawing to a close as the Mexican Medicine Co. intend to remain here only 12 days longer to advertise this great remedy. A guaranteed cure for all diseases of the blood, liver and kidneys. Samples free at office, 32 Central street, and all aches and pains cured free.

Financier Dead.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—Colonel Charles H. Banes, president of the Market Street National bank, died yesterday. Colonel Banes was stricken with apoplexy last summer, and had been very ill ever since. He was 65 years old. Colonel Banes had been prominent in financial and business circles for many years. He had been president of the Market Street National bank since its organization, 10 years ago.

Burned In His Home.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 16.—The house of George W. Caswell in West Springfield was burned yesterday, and Caswell met a shocking death in the flames. When his body was discovered in the ruins only his trunk and head remained and his features could not be recognized. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

NOTICE. Patrons of the undersigned are warned against paying money on any account to Isaac Williams, formerly in my employ. WILLIAM COGGER, Wood Dealer, 23 Concord street.

The Consumers' Brewing Co.'s
EXPORT BEER
Bottled and Steamed at the Brewery.
An Excellent Tonic
For Sale by All Local Dealers.

ITS ANNUAL BALL

Social Amenities of Court Merrimack, F. of A.

GRAND ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

And An Enjoyable Occasion For All.

Gallant Foresters in gala attire, blooming misses and dignified matrons in becoming costumes, inspiring music and a general air of hospitality and thorough enjoyment were features incidental to the annual ball of Court Merrimack, No. 11, F. of A., in Huntington hall last evening.

Court Merrimack is one of the most prosperous courts in New England, and being composed of prominent and popular men, is always in the vanguard of the social line, and last evening's affair was no exception to the general rule.

The occasion was honored by the presence of Mayor Courtney and his charming wife, Lawrence J. Smith, supreme chief ranger for the United States, members of the city government and other

General Manager

EDWIN F. YOUNG, P. C. R.

prominent citizens, including popular Dr. M. J. Landers, whom some unkind gossip had reported deceased. And then as one entered the door and asked for of the beautiful souvenir orders which the court distributed to ticket holders, he was greeted by Past Chief Ranger Edwin F. Young, one of the oldest and best known Foresters in Lowell.

On his breast Mr. Young wore a very pretty medal of gold, bearing the Foresters' emblem, the gift of his fellow members.

The stage on which Hibbard's orchestra was located was tastefully decorated with potted plants, and early in the evening the orchestra rendered the following well selected program:

Overture, "The Amazons".....Kiesler
Selection, From the comic opera "Lady Slavey".....Kerker
Cornet Solo, Fantasie on "Emmet's Lullaby".....Short
Mr. Percy J. Burleigh.
Medley Overture, "Popular Songs"....Boettger
Sherzo, A Minute too Late.....Finale

After the concert the floor was made ready for the march, in which 100 couples participated. It was led by Floor Director William E. Dwyer and Mrs. W. F.

Floor Director

WILLIAM E. DWYER.

Courtney; followed by Frank Travers and Miss Lilla Callahan; Edward F. Young and wife; John J. Kelly and Miss Kate Talty; Mayor Courtney and Miss Delia Daly; and Thomas Mooney and lady. The march was a series of graceful evolutions, terminating in the formation of the letter "M," and though difficult, was neatly done.

After the circle the merry dancers started in upon the enjoyment of an order of 32 numbers, with an intermission at midnight for supper after which the dance was resumed and carried happily along until the gray streaks of dawn peeped over the eastern horizon, when with the lively waltz the affair was concluded. Socially and financially as well, the ball was successful. The officers were as follows:

General manager, Edwin F. Young; asst. general manager, John J. Kelley; floor director, W. E. Dwyer; asst. floor director, Frank Travers; chief aid, Thomas Mooney.

Aids, Thomas F. Brennan, John McPadden, James F. Miskella, John Robideau, Daniel Derby, Joseph B. Maguire, William H. Jones, Phillip McNulty, Thos. Muldoon. Reception committee, Dr. Thomas B. Smith, chairman; James J. Gallagher, G. C. S.; Joseph H. Dallagher, P. C. R.; W. H. Stafford, F. S.; Thomas M. Leeson, S. W.; Owen O'Neil, J. W.; Owen Tighe, Charles McSwiggin, Hugh O'Rourke, John Dowd, C. R. Johnson, Peter Gill, Jeremiah Tompkins, W. H. Quigley, Dr. M. J. Landers, E. F. Young, W. F. Stafford, secretary.

Who does your printing? THE SUN job print would do it well and save you money.

LABOR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

German Workingmen of Chicago Warned Against the Transvaal.

For several months there has been a movement in Chicago to encourage the emigration of German mechanics from this city to South Africa. Bright hopes of high wages have been held out to the workingmen, and as many of them are out of employment great interest has been aroused in the attractions said to exist in the Transvaal republic.

As a result, the Transvaal Afrika club was organized for the purpose of obtaining information regarding industrial conditions in South Africa, and on the strength of reports received a party of 10 mechanics left Chicago for Johannesburg Oct. 16.

Other parties are organizing to follow, but cold water was thrown upon the movement at a recent meeting of the club. At this meeting Wenzel Eichner told of a letter that had been received from Johannesburg wherein it was related that carpenters were being paid from £13 4s. to £15 11s. per fortnight.

Among the listeners to the glowing reports was Oliver J. Madden, an expert mining engineer, who spent several years in South Africa. He was asked to address the club and said he had heard of the emigration to the Transvaal and came to the meeting to learn why mechanics were going to a country which he did not consider so favorable to their interests as the United States. He said if the conditions in the Transvaal had so greatly improved since he was there, in 1892, he would like to return to that country himself. He said while he was engaged in the African mines he had men working for him at wages as high as £1 for ten hours' work, but they were experts, the ordinary wages for unskilled labor being 10 shillings. He said there were no factories in operation, for the reason that there was no raw material within reach. The mining property was all controlled by British capital, and British labor was invariably given employment in preference to any other. In the mines where Mr. Madden was employed he said the workingmen were all English, Irish and Scotch, save a few Americans. He said he thought the outlook for German immigrants was unfavorable, and he would not consider a few favorable letters sufficient guarantee that they would find profitable employment when they got there.

A. Boenert, as general solicitor and representative of the South African steamship lines, frankly declined to advise any good mechanic to go to South Africa. He said he did not think any country on the face of the earth offered better opportunities for the workingman than were to be found in the United States, and, while he would profit by the emigration movement, he did not feel justified in encouraging men in seeking an uncertain field.

There was a general and informal discussion of the subject by the members. One man told of the carpenters who went to Johannesburg from Chicago to find work, but did not find the situation there any better than here, if as good, and returned home. Another said he had received a letter from Johannesburg telling him potatoes were $7 a barrel and butter $1 a pound in that city.

CHECK MONOPOLY.

Tariff Legislation Favoring Trusts Will Not Be Tolerated.

It is more vital to the public to check the encroachments and oppression of monopoly than to lay a tax, imposed incidentally or deliberately, to benefit the combination of American sugar refiners. What scandal there was in the passage of the present revenue act was concentrated around and about the sugar schedule.

The people will demand a rigid accounting of congress, and with respect to tariff legislation they will insist that no tax shall be levied to foster trusts or promote monopolies. One safe and certain rule for congress to observe is that of putting upon the free list every manufactured product, foreign competition with which is hindered by duties.—Philadelphia Ledger.

For the Inaugural Ball.

In case Mr. Hanna decides on a few fancy dances for the inaugural ball we would advise him to sign Warner Miller for one of his outside the breastworks skirt dances. With the proper music and calcium effects, Warner can give an exhibition of high and hard kicking that will simply set the front row wild.—Washington Post.

How to Extinguish Burning Oil.

Flour thrown upon burning oil will instantly extinguish it, while water only spreads the flames.

Common Sense

Should be exercised in taking a remedy for catarrh. It is caused by impurity in the blood. Snuffs and inhalants are of little avail. They have been tried in thousands of cases and have failed to cure, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to cure catarrh because it purifies the blood.

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"I have suffered with catarrh for over thirty years and I have taken several kinds of catarrh medicine. At no time have I been so free from this disease as since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. I believe it to be the best medicine for catarrh that can be found." E. A. JENES, Box 384, Greene, New York. Remember

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2 O'CLOCK

AT THE CAPITAL

The Day's Proceedings Were Dull.

A BILL FOR THE PURCHASE OF CUBA.

The Status of the Pacific Cable Scheme.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The proceedings in the house yesterday were very tame. It was private bill day, but the whole time was consumed in passing through the house bills favorably acted upon in the committee of the whole before the holiday recess. The widow of the late Major General John Gibbon was the beneficiary of one of the bills passed, carrying $100 per month, and the widow of Brevet Major General W. A. Nichols of another, carrying $75 per month. The free homestead bill, which came back to the house with senate amendments, was referred, under a ruling of the chair, to the committee on public lands.

At the evening session of the house 14 private pension bills were reported with a favorable recommendation. Among them were bills granting a pension of $50 per month to the widow of General Green Clay Smith, and $75 per month to the widow of General Henry A. Morrow. The last mentioned bill was advocated by Representative Mercer, who had the amount increased from $50 to the amount named.

Representative Spencer of Mississippi introduced a bill which follows:

"The secretary of state is hereby authorized to offer to the government of Spain a sum of money, not to exceed $200,000,000, for the purchase of the island of Cuba.

"And the sum of $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of pending negotiations, is hereby appropriated."

The Pacific cable project was considered again yesterday by the house committee on commerce, which listened to a statement by General Wager Swayne, in behalf of the Pacific Cable company of New Jersey, in which he is associated with Colonel Spaulding of Honolulu, Ogden Mills, James J. Hill, Abram S. Hewitt and other capitalists.

General Swayne urged the house committee to recommend the senate bill, which authorizes the postmaster general to contract for a cable from the Pacific coast to Japan, by way of the Hawaiian islands, with an annual subsidy not exceeding $160,000. A bill has been reported to the house for a subsidy of $100,000 a year to the Pacific Cable company of New York, in which James Scrymser and J. P. Morgan are interested.

The recent colonial conference, which decided upon the project of a British cable from Vancouver to Japan, by way of Australia and Honolulu, General Swayne said, endangered the success of an American enterprise, unless immediate steps were taken by congress. He urged the house to adopt a plan which would insure competition for the subsidy, believing that no bill giving a subsidy to a particular company would succeed while it was known that other responsible parties desired to bid. That part of the project of the Scrymser company which contemplates a cable from Japan to China, General Swayne held to be unnecessary, because two established cables fill that field now. Nor did he believe a cable could be finished to Honolulu within a year and Japan within 18 months, as that company offers to do. He offered in behalf of the corporation which he represents to deed Colonel Spalding's concessions from the Hawaiian government to the successful bidder under any bill which provided for competition.

Ice Crop Unfavorable.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The season in this part of New England has been rather unfavorable to ice harvesters, as the ice is not yet as thick as it usually is at this time. The Boston Ice company has begun cutting on one or two of its small ponds, but the ice at Wakefield is not yet thick enough. One or two days of cold weather, however, would probably thicken the ice to the desired point. Although the local ice crop is rather scant, reports say the ice in Maine has formed finely, and is of the best possible quality, as it has almost no snow on it. A good deal of ice has been cut there already, and it is expected that the shipments to Boston will be large this winter.

Sherman on Cuban Policy.

Pittsburg, Jan. 16.—The Dispatch says: The Cuban policy of the McKinley administration will differ very little from that of President Cleveland. This statement is based on remarks made to a reporter by Senator John Sherman, the veteran statesman, who was on his way back to Washington from Canton. After stating that his position in the next cabinet has been determined, Senator Sherman said, in answer to a question: "I think the United States government should not interfere with the Cuban war, either to aid in its settlement or do anything which would make a peaceful government of the island a charge on this country. I understand on high authority that Prime Minister Canovas has outlined a program of governmental reforms which will be applied both in Spain and in Cuba. These reforms will give the Cubans practical autonomy, and will, I hope, settle the question."

Don't Have to Go to Arctic.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 16.—A 50-foot finback whale spouted off Swampscott yesterday afternoon, nearly swamping Captain George Horton, who was in a boat near by. The crew of the schooner Jennie P. Phillip will go out after the whale today.

A BILL NOW READY

To Be Presented to the Legislature

FOR ANNULLMENT OF MAYOR'S APPOINTING POWER.

Rep. Dobbins Selected to Father the Bill.

Yesterday Representative Richard Dobbins filed a bill to be introduced Monday in the legislature annulling any power of appointment conferred on the mayor by the terms of the recently amended charter, and providing that the bill shall take effect upon its passage.

This is the bill prepared in City Solicitor Qua's office Wednesday evening, which was reported exclusively in The Sun.

It was at first planned to have "Bill" Hayes introduce the bill, but the latter declined, stating that he wanted some of the "redistricting business" to blow over before he dabbled in the game again. Then Rep. Dobbins was settled upon and he accepted the commission.

E. HOWE'S 81ST BIRTHDAY

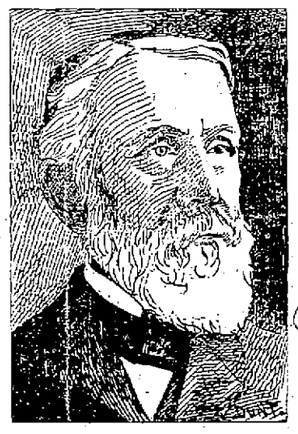
OBSERVED BY A RECEPTION TO FRIENDS TODAY.

He is Hale and Hearty at His Home on High Street—Sketch of His Life.

Edward B. Howe of 210 High street is having a birthday party today.

Mr. Howe is 81 years of age today; and in honor of the event scores of his friends waited on him and extended congratulations.

Mr. Howe told them all that he was thankful that he was able to meet them. The old gentleman came from Marlboro, where he was born, to this city in 1826. He attended the Moody school and after a



MR. EDWARD B. HOWE.

few years' schooling started on his first work in one of the mills. Later he engaged in the carding business and for twenty years ran a place of his own. Then he became connected with the Lowell Card company. He has one daughter living, Mrs. Clara W. Harwood of this city.

Mr. Howe never sought and never held public office. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order and has been connected with the Old Residents' association since its organization.

Uncle Sam's New Buildings.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Secretary Carlisle has sent a letter to the postmaster general informing him of the probable time a number of public buildings now in course of erection will be completed and ready for occupancy. Following are the names of some of the cities and the probable dates of completion: Taunton, Mass., June 30, 1897; Lynn, Mass., Dec. 31, 1898; New London, Conn., Dec. 31, 1897; Pawtucket, R. I., Aug. 31, 1897.

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A GREAT SUCCESS.

A glance at our show windows will disclose the fact that the Opportunity Sale takes in almost anything you may want in Footwear and that Opportunity prices means our regular prices divided by two.

WE MENTION PARTICULARLY

Ladies' Fur Trimmed Slippers, Skating Boots, Rubbers, Cloth and Jersey Leggins, Umbrellas, Thick Soled Boots, Dress Boots of Patent and Light Kid. 10 different lines, $5. Boots closing at $3. See samples in show window.

WE MENTION PARTICULARLY

Men's Miller & Obers $7.50 congress and lace, down to $5. Herth's French Shoes, half price, Johnston & Murphy and Hanon's Shoes, all included in this sale, $7, Winter Russets, $4, Congress, $2. Boys' and Little Men's Shoes all in this sale.

O'SULLIVAN BROS.
Opposite City Hall.

COCKRAN'S WORDS

Business Men of Boston Hear His Argument.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

One of Many Meetings of Interest to Public.

Boston, Jan. 16.—W. Bourke Cockran was the central figure of the Boston Merchants' association's annual dinner last night at the Vendome. Gathered about the New Yorker were many of the leading men of New England.

The banquets of the association have always been memorable, and the subjects discussed have been of a character of great public interest. The movement toward the improvement of Boston harbor, which was taken up last year, has since been pushed vigorously, and last night Mayor Quincy announced that the making of Broad sound the principal entrance to the harbor was in a fair way of becoming a fact.

Interest last night, however, centered in the great speech of Hon. W. Bourke Cockran of New York, and it is safe to say that a more eloquent address has not been heard in this city for years. The association also entertained as guest William C. Cornwell, president of the City bank, Buffalo, who made an interesting address on the currency question.

President J. R. Leeson presided, and after a few preliminary remarks of a congratulatory nature introduced Governor Wolcott. His excellency extended a cordial welcome to the guests of the association from out of the state. Mayor Quincy spoke particularly on the process of the work in the improvement of the harbor, with special reference to the recent report of the commission on docks and terminal facilities. The mayor pledged himself to use every means in his power to make the harbor of Boston one of the finest in the world.

Mr. Cornwell received a cordial welcome.

The entire association rose as Mr. Cockran was introduced, and he was received with tremendous applause.

Mr. Cockran spoke particularly on the moral and material welfare of the country. He said in part:

Prosperity must be moral as well as material, and the law of economy itself is but a feature of moral law.

Let us not therefore be deceived by the issues and results of the last election. The last great struggle decided that the country will never tolerate confiscation of property for a pretense of a change in values.

The election was an uprising against the elements which would destroy law, justice, honor and morality.

Now what is prosperity? It does not mean an abundance of moey, but an abundance of commodity.

The wealth of every nation is the sum of the property of the individuals which compose it. We must have more corn, more wheat, more manufactured goods, more lines of railroads to carry them.

That is prosperity.

Neither does prosperity or wealth consist in what legislation can create. No legislature can create nor make money for a community.

Mr. Cockran here illustrated the money question by taking his watch from his pocket and saying:

I can take this watch case and melt it down into coin. I shall have more money than I have now, but I shall be less wealthy, for I have destroyed the value of the labor on the watch.

The road to wealth lies in the obedience of the laws of God.

Taking up the tariff question he said that what the country needs more than anything is some fixed policy regarding the tariff. Trade will never revive until trades know what is exacted of them.

Mr. Cockran announced himself a free trader, believing that protection exacts a tax which is unjust. He denounced, however, the tariff legislation of 1894, and said that the party that betrayed the tariff then betrayed the constitution in 1896.

With eyes open we who for years have been free traders voted for a protectionist, and doing so we should be willing now to stand by such a policy. We have no right to demand that the party we supported should make a modification of the tariff on our lines, but we can advise, and we ask that some fixed policy be adopted. When such a policy is established then we will see a prosperity, greater and wider than this or any other country ever saw.

During the last campaign we did not promise a magical revival of trade, but we did say that it would take an upward start, and it has; and now industry and prosperity are in process of creation.

And with the increase in prosperity the country will go on to success, for it is easier to hold together the forces of common sense than to keep united the hosts of dishonor.

I have no apprehension of the future of our country. The government must continue, because the truth upon which it is based is eternal. We may have sudden storms, but they will pass away; we may have flurries, but they will subside, but whatever disturbance may threaten, truth, justice and law must triumph, because they are based upon the one word, and that it is God.

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Treaty Binds Commercial Relations.

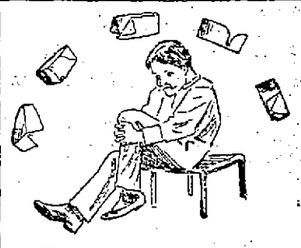
New York, Jan. 16.—The following dispatch was received yesterday: London, Jan. 15. Chamber of Commerce of New York: London Chamber of Commerce desires to express conviction that treaty just signed will tend to increase friendly feeling between two great English-speaking nations and promote extension and security of their commercial and material relations. (Signed) Convention, London.

Resigned His Pastorate.

Penacook, N. H., Jan. 16.—Rev. E. G. Spencer has resigned as pastor of the Congregational church here. He came direct to the church after his graduation at Andover seminary, and his installation was delayed on account of his advanced theological views, which had caused considerable discussion in the denomination.

Filed Petition of Insolvency.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 16.—George R. Henderson, proprietor of an extensive carriage manufactory at North Cambridge, has filed a voluntary petition in insolvency.



We've got a manufacturer's stock of collars and cuffs to sell.

New fresh goods. Correct styles, and in all sizes.

Cheap! Cheaper than we ever knew goods to be.

While they last, for just half price: but they won't wait long for buyers.

Collars, 6 cents each. ½ dozen, 35 cents.

Cuffs, 9 cents a pair. ½ dozen, 53 cents.

Five styles standing and turn over collars. Three styles cuffs.

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166 Central Street.

PRIVATE PROSPERITY.

That Is the Kind We May Expect From the Next Administration.

The Republican talk about the Dingley bill is pure moonshine. The leaders admit they cannot pass it and that if they could they would not pass it. As a matter of fact they would regard its passage as a great party calamity, because it would take away the excuse for calling an extra session and passing a bill which will be satisfactory to the horde of bounty seekers the party has on its hands.

The recent debate in the senate thoroughly punctured the revenue and prosperity bluster of the Republicans. It emphasized the fact that McKinleyism means less revenue for the treasury and the checking of general prosperity. It showed that the kind of revenue and the prosperity the Republicans are preparing to create are private, not public.—St. Louis Republic.

Interested In Bimetallism.

A McKinley tariff coming and now McKinley, according to Wolcott of Colorado, "is deeply interested in bimetallism!" It would be interesting to know what new calamity awaits the Democrats who deserted their party in the recent election.

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At last Weyler's army has paid dearly for the death of Maceo. Bravo Gomez!

Governor Long wants a cabinet position. He is better than many men more favored.

It is not probable that T. Jefferson Coolidge will have any chance of securing the war portfolio.

Haverhill's new postmaster is a gold democrat. There is no complaint since he is not a republican.

Haverhill in assuming the debt of Bradford recently annexed, took on a burden heavier than she knew. She is now staggering under the load. Bradford has the best of the bargain.

If the U. S. government would pay its small postmasters better, it would not have to indict two of them in Massachusetts for embezzlement. They did not steal much for the reason there was not much to be stolen.

Last night the board of aldermen had an opportunity to elect officers in concurrence and thereby bring about an early settlement of the municipal muddle. The republicans are not in a great hurry. In fact they would perhaps be willing to put off the test indefinitely if things remain as they are.

Mayor Junkins of Lawrence is playing a waiting game in regard to organizing the council. It is now a question of sharp practice in political and legal tactics as between the two parties. The democrats seem to have the advantage, but they are liable to be overcome by shrewd generalship. We shall see.

Governor Pingree of Michigan made a novel suggestion in his inaugural, in proposing that all parties caucus together for municipal officers and accept the result. In that case all the contests would be transferred to the caucuses and as the ballot at the primaries is not sufficiently protected, the result might defeat the will of the people. Pingree's scheme for lower fares on street railroads is all right.

Purchasing Agent Barnard will have to guard against the wiles of the heads of departments in future, as they will endeavor to influence him in the direction of favoring their friends by purchasing some particular kind of paving blocks, some special brand of flour, of sewer pipe and so on. To specify a quality kept only by one concern is equivalent to giving the contract to that concern without competition

GOING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The republicans are preparing a bill to be rushed through the legislature if possible for the purpose of repealing the clause of the city charter which gives the mayor the power of appointing heads of departments. When they cannot beat the democrats in a square fight they appeal to the legislature for help and are seldom disappointed—of such flamboyant material has the legislature been composed for some year past.

With what audacity these republicans are imbued now to ask the legislature to repeal a measure which these same partisans asked that body to pass last year for the city's benefit! Because a democratic mayor happens to have the appointing power, a mayor against whose official acts no word of reproach can be uttered, yet these political fanatics will not brook fair play. They do not want it, they will not have it, if the legislature can be induced to enter into their selfish schemes. Should the legislature grant such a request, it will brand itself as a body of political flunkeys without principle, decency, justice or honor. Go ahead, gentlemen, if you want to assume the brand of infamy.

THE MONETARY QUESTION.

The republican party is beating around the bush on the financial question. They acknowledge there is something wrong; they have the gold standard for which they fought, but that does not bring relief.

It is not often that the prevailing curse will prove its own remedy or the greatest blessing. Yet they are to let the standard alone and retire all kinds of United States notes just as if that would provide a remedy for an ever appreciating standard.

They want a commission, a non-partisan commission composed entirely of republicans, to settle the whole question. To give it into the hands of such a body would be in their estimation to take the whole matter out of politics, out of controversy, so that the people of the country might not be able to touch the monetary laws until the country was thoroughly committed to them.

It would be difficult to express more clearly the logic of the situation than it is set forth by the Boston Traveller in the following:

"Fools and blind! Do they not see the tendency of affairs? The most dishonest dollar in the world is the gold dollar, or any dollar whose purchasing capacity is augmenting in the same succession as the days come and go, and any currency which is based upon a dollar of increasing purchasing power is a menace to national prosperity. What we want, and what we must and will have, is a larger amount of primary money, which means gold and silver, hand in hand, the money of the people and the money of the constitution."

SHERMAN HAS ACCEPTED.

Ohio Senator Will Direct State Department Under McKinley.

Canton, O., Jan. 16.—"I have accepted the state portfolio," said Senator John Sherman at the Fort Wayne depot a few minutes before the senator left for Washington yesterday afternoon. The senator had but a few moments before left the presence of President-elect McKinley. Concerning other matters connected with the incoming administration the senator was very reticent. Asked as to whether Mr. Hanna would be appointed senator, the senator replied that he did not know, that that was the affair entirely of Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley, and that he had no desire to interfere with anybody's private matters. Mr. Sherman was asked if any other cabinet officials had been settled upon by Major McKinley, and replied that he did not know of any others. Senator Sherman was in the city a little more than three hours, and all the while was at the McKinley home, where he took lunch, together with other prominent callers. The interview confirming his offer and acceptance of the premiership was given the press as he was boarding an eastbound train on the Pennsylvania railroad for Washington.

Senator Burrows, who came with Mr. Sherman, left with him. At the station the Michigan statesman said: "You can say that I had a very pleasant talk with Major McKinley."

Has General Alger been decided upon for the war portfolio?" was asked.

"I cannot say."

"You are here in the interest of General Alger, are you not, senator?"

"Yes, Major McKinley and myself talked over the situation, but as to the result I am not in a position to say. Major McKinley has a high regard for General Alger, and will give careful consideration to anything said in his favor."

Ex-Governor John D. Long of Massachusetts, whose name has been connected with the McKinley cabinet as the New England representative, held a conference with the incoming president yesterday afternoon. He left for Cleveland on the 4:30 train.

Long's Interview With McKinley.

Canton, O., Jan. 16.—Ex-Governor Long of Massachusetts has not been tendered a cabinet position. He is still a probability, and if he is invited, it will be either for the war or navy department. Governor Long left for home last evening, and as he was leaving the city said enough to warrant the above conclusions. He came, he said, at the invitation of Major McKinley, and they talked over the cabinet question. He was offered nothing, and declined to say in positive terms that he would or would not accept if given an opportunity. If he was offered anything, he said, it would be one of the portfolios named. He said New England is almost sure to have a member in the cabinet.

Massachusetts Legislature.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The house yesterday passed a resolution endorsing the international arbitration treaty. The civil service appropriation bill was passed. A petition from Brookline, asking for the impeachment of Chairman Merrill of the Norfolk county commissioners, was referred to a special committee. In the senate the dock commissioners' report was referred to a committee, and other routine business transacted.

TURNING POINT REACHED.

First Week of Year Shows Improvement In Wool Market.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin today says of the wool market: The tide is rising, the first week in the year being the turning point. The large sale of Australian wool last week was the forerunner of the large sales that have followed this week. Bargain lots have all been picked up, and a general advance of 1 cent on the scoured pound established throughout the list. The demand has been general, covering fleeces as well as western unwashed wools.

All the big buyers are taking on large blocks of wool, believing that by next summer a new tariff will be in force and that purchases for future consumption are not merely safe, but profitable.

The sales of the week are 5,220,500 pounds domestic and 2,010,000 pounds foreign, against 1,737,500 pounds domestic and 1,448,000 pounds foreign last week, and 1,289,000 pounds domestic and 1,076,000 pounds foreign for the same week last year.

The sales to date show an increase of 3,239,000 pounds domestic and 910,000 pounds foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896. The receipts to date show a decrease of 3748 bales domestic and an increase of 1245 bales foreign.

King of Benin to Be Deposed.

London, Jan. 16.—The Chronicle says it is authorized to announce that it has been determined to annex the Benin kingdom and to depose the king, on account of the massacre of the British expedition. Only two Englishmen escaped the massacre. Both were wounded, and ran into the wood. They have been rescued. A dispatch from Bonny reports that an Englishman, believed to be Mr. Powis, one of the captured civilians with the expedition, has been captured and taken to Benin. His fate is uncertain.

Czar's Gardener Shot.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—The Lokalanzieger publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg reporting a lamentable incident which has occurred in the czar's presence. The czar, it seems, beckoned to a gardener who was working in the park. The guard, seeing the man running toward the czar, shot him dead, supposing that he was a would-be assailant. The czar was deeply affected by this occurrence.

Will Honor Its Late President.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the American Statistical association was held here yesterday. Hon. Carroll D. Wright of Washington was elected president. A committee was appointed to arrange a public meeting of the association, to be held between Feb. 15 and March 1, in memory of its late president, General Francis Walker. President Wright will deliver the eulogy.

Maine Legislature.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 16.—Both branches of the legislature held short sessions yesterday, with a small attendance. A few acts and resolves were introduced, but nothing of a startling nature was presented. In the house a resolve asking for an appropriation of $500 for the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, and one for $2000 for the Bangor Children's Home, were presented. Acts to abolish days of grace and fix the date of maturity on notes and drafts, and for the licensing of game wardens were presented and referred. A joint special committee was appointed to consider matters in connection with the eastern Maine insane hospital, and outline necessary legislation in its behalf. Both houses adjourned until Monday afternoon at 4:30.

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Is there a buzzing sound heard?
Are you gradually becoming deaf?
Is there a ringing in your ears?
Is the sense of smell leaving you?
Does it hurt the ears when you blow your nose?
Does your nose discharge continually?
Do you snore at night?
Is there a pain between your shoulders?
Do you hawk to clear the throat?
Is there a dropping in the throat?
Is the throat dry in the morning?
Are you loosing the sense of taste?
Do you take cold easily?

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

James Phelan & Co., shoe manufacturers of Lynn, Mass., have made a big cut in wages in all departments

President Diaz of Mexico has been decorated by Emperor William of Germany with the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle.

Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, lieutenant governor of Ontario, who underwent an operation at London, is slowly gaining strength.

Governor Asa S. Bushnell of Ohio, accompanied by six members of his staff, went to New York to attend the Ohio society banquet at Delmonico's.

The Tennessee senate has passed a bill requiring contestants of gubernatorial elections before the legislature to give bond for the costs of contests, to be paid by the contestant if he loses.

President-Elect's Special Train.

Cleveland, Jan. 16.—Colonel George A. Garretson, chairman of the transportation and escort committee in connection with the coming inauguration of President-elect McKinley, states that his committee has completed a program for the running of special trains carrying the president-elect and escorts. The plans have been submitted to the Pennsylvania company, over which railway trains will be run, and will undoubtedly be acquiesced in by the railway officials. The train with the president-elect and party will leave Canton on March 1 at 3 p. m., arriving in Washington the following morning at 11 o'clock. By request of Major McKinley no attempt will be made at fast time, and the train will therefore be run at a very moderate speed. In addition to the president-elect and party this train will carry the inaugural transportation committee and newspaper representatives. The Eighth Ohio regiment, located at Canton, will leave the latter city on a special in advance of the presidential train, and will act as escort to the president-elect from the Pennsylvania station to the Ebbitt House in Washington. Troop A of Cleveland, which will act as personal escort to the president-elect in the inauguration parade, will leave Cleveland over the Cleveland and Pittsburg railway on a special. At Alliance the train will join the inaugural train from Canton, running slightly in advance of it to the capital.

Missionaries' Indorse Treaty.

New York, Jan. 16.—A resolution urging the ratification of the proposed treaty of general arbitration was adopted at an inter-denominational mass meeting held last night in Carnegie hall, under the auspices of the simultaneous meeting committee representing the foreign mission boards in the United States and Canada.

Succeeds Dr. Conaty.

New York, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the trustees of the Catholic summer school, held in this city yesterday, Rev. Dr. Conaty tendered his resignation as president of the school, and Rev. M. J. Lavelle, rector of the cathedral, was unanimously elected as his successor.

Vicious Italian Sentenced.

Hartford, Jan. 16.—Roxey Bonna, a vicious Italian, who has been terrorizing Ferry street for the past few days, was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment yesterday. His chief pastime has been attacking women on the street and assaulting them. He met Kitty Clay, and because she refused to talk with him, he knocked her down and kicked her. He next attacked John Powers with a pair of scissors and attempted to stab him.

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EDITOR PLAYS POKER WITH A HIGHWAY ROBBER.

A Hold Up Follows a Hold Up—William Wise, the Wild Mule Whacker, Becomes a Wiser Man—No More Bicycles For the Able Editor—The Popular Play.

In returning from Red Earth valley the other afternoon we were stopped at Buckshot creek by an ugly faced critter who commanded us to shell out. As he had the drop on us, we handed over our personal effects with promptness and dispatch. He was about to ride away when we proposed a game of poker, and the idea struck him favorably. The two of us sat down on the grass and started in, and at the end of 40 minutes we had won back our valuables and had him dead broke. On the last hand out we held only a pair of kings, and we knew from the run of the cards that he had a full house with ace high, and yet we bluffed him out of his horse and guns. He was a mean looking cuss, and he had no scruples about robbing us, but he was a man of his word. He made no kick about being cleaned out, and there was something like a tear in his eye as he asked us if we know where he could strike a job at a dollar a day. We don't see how he can get another start in the highway robbery business this fall, and we have considerable hopes that being cleaned out will lead to his reformation and salvation.

Unwise William Wise.

Colonel Sinclair's wagon train arrived from the railroad Wednesday afternoon, and at about 4 o'clock his honor the mayor, who is ourself, received word from a mule whacker named William Wise that he proposed to capture the town at 6 o'clock. Mr. Wise hadn't allowed for any change in Giveadam Gulch in the last five years. He figured that things were just as they used to be, when a lone duffer could ride into town with a hoot, shoot right and left with a yell and in the course of ten minutes have the streets to himself and something to brag about for the rest of his life. We were ready, in company with the city marshal, at five minutes to 6. At exactly 6 o'clock William Wise came down the river road like a cyclone, hair flying, a gun in either hand and a war-whoop on the end of his tongue. At five minutes after 6 his corpuss was dead in the road and William was in the town lockup and wondering where he was at. Next morning he was fined $15 and his guns were confiscated, and when he walked off he kept looking behind him and trying to make out how things had happened that way. Any other duffer who feels like capturing the town is invited to communicate with us by mail or personal interview.

Not Any In Ours.

While on a business trip to Florence last week we had the privilege of a close inspection of a vehicle called a bicycle. This was the first time we ever saw one except at a distance. After we had finished our inspection the owner showed us how the old thing worked and suggested that we try it. We had never met with anything on wheels which we could not get on to and stay as long as we pleased, and it was with a great deal of self confidence that we tackled that bike. We know how we got on, but how we got off will ever be a puzzle to us. We can't make out whether the thing bucked with us or ran away, but when we came to we had a scalp wound 5 inches long, our nose was badly warped and we had a mouthful of dirt and grass to chew on. Some men might have tried it again, but we didn't. When we want anything more in that line, we'll get in the way of a stampeding herd of steers or try a timber slide down a mountain. Our friendly feelings for the bikist will undergo no change, but as for the critter itself we warn it that our guns are loaded, and we shall take all precautions to protect ourself.

Making a Hit.

The manager of a theatrical company in Chicago, who has evidently heard of this town and read of the adventures of various combinations visiting us, writes to inquire just what sort of play will take best with our people. We take pleasure in answering him that he will be sure to make a hit and a barrel of money with "The Merchant of Venice." It must not be put on as in the east, however. Venice and the merchant will be all O. K. for about ten minutes. Then there should be five minutes of clog dancing and singing. After that more Venice. Then a fight with Indians or the rescue of a beautiful maiden from a bloody pirate. Don't stick too close to Venice. Our people want a mixture. There will be no objection to ringing in a scene from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in one of the acts, nor the graveldigging scene in "Hamlet" in another, but there must be a dance or an abduction between them. Such managers as have taken our fatherly advice regarding this matter have pleased our people and gone away with a hat full of money, while those who have been stiff necked have left town on foot or died of starvation in the woods.

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At the age of 66 years he will be utterly alone in the world, without resources, without the physical strength to make his way through what little of life may remain to him. She that was his wife, if she still lives, is the wife of another, for he was legally dead when the life sentence had been imposed upon him, and she exercised her right to marry again. Those who were his friends all those years ago are dead or scattered through the world. He will be a stranger among strangers. There is none to whom he can turn for sympathy, for aid, or even for opportunity to make a living. Moreover, there will come to him, as never before perhaps, the realization that his life, with all the opportunities which it might have held, has all but passed away.

Governor Morton, before the expiration of his term, commuted the life sentence of George E. Gordon, now in Dannemora prison, to 52 years, so that he will be released on May 8 next, the time off for good behavior being allowed. Gordon was sentenced in this city in 1866 to life imprisonment after conviction of the murder of a stock drover of the name of Thompson in the West Albany cattle yards. Gordon was a resident of Greenbush and was 35 years of age when convicted.

The application for pardon has been on file in the executive chamber for 20 years and was signed by some of the most prominent people and public officials in Rensselaer county. Gordon is at present the prison librarian at Dannemora, and his good conduct during his long confinement, together with the fact that he has always contended that he did not commit the crime, led to the governor's favorable action on the application for clemency.

Under the law at that time a person charged with murder could not testify in his own behalf, but he then declared his innocence. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence, considered strong.

Gordon's wife has married again.—Albany Express.

MOTHERS WILL CONVENE.

National Congress Opens In Washington on Feb. 17.

No little interest is being manifested in the forthcoming national congress of mothers, which will assemble in Washington on Feb. 17 next. Several ladies active in movements having in view the education of children will be prominent in the congress.

Among them are Mrs. Amalie Hofer, editor of The Kindergarten Magazine; Mrs. Sangster, editor of Harper's Bazar; Miss Anna Schriever, State Normal school, Michigan; Miss Frances Newton, superintendent kintergarten work, Chautauqua, and others.

Leading measures that will engage the attention of the congress will be those of inculcating into the minds of children principles of patriotism and humanity, the development of all qualities tending to ennoble the minds of the young and a pure and thorough mental training generally. A reception to the delegates by Mrs. Cleveland will be given at 11 o'clock on the opening day of the congress.

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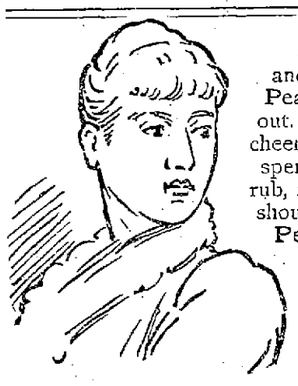

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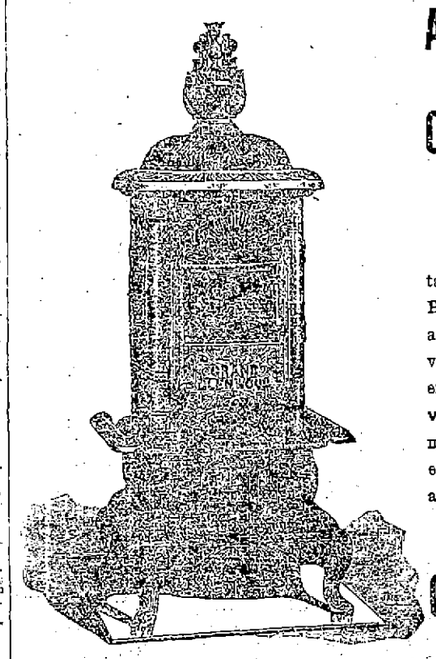

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BUSINESS ASPECT

As Viewed By Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency.

DUN SAYS THE CONDITIONS ARE STEADILY IMPROVING.

The Turning Point Reached in the Situation.

New York, Jan. 16.—Bradstreet's says: Except at a few southern cities, as reported last week, wholesale merchants throughout the country report no noticeable change in trade features, and few, if any, indications of improvement in the near future. Mercantile collections continue slow or moderate. Some jobbers at Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore and other large cities report increased demand for dry goods, hats, shoes, hardware and groceries for spring delivery, but that in other lines business is very dull. Dealers in staples at cities in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina report a better demand for hardware and agricultural supplies, compared with last week. Some Baltimore salesmen are securing relatively fair orders. There has been no revival in textile circles, except increased purchases of wool at Boston by some of the larger manufacturers. Cotton goods continue depressed at first hands, with little prospect for improvement until after production has been restricted.

December gross railway earnings are relatively more favorable than those in preceding months, showing a decrease of 1.5 per cent from December, 1895, while the November total in 1896 fell off 10 per cent from that in November, 1895, that for October, 4.3 per cent, and September earnings 7-10ths of 1 per cent. The best December reports were by southwestern and southern roads, which show gains over December totals in 1895. For the calendar year total earnings of 115 railroads aggregated $508,286,050, a gain over 1895 of 1.4 per cent, which year it will be recalled, showed a gain over 1894 of 5.2 per cent. This gain in 1896 was on a mileage of 94,170 miles. If 11 months' earnings of 27 other roads with 43,000 miles of track be included for both years an aggregate total of $797,916,795 on 127,208 miles of track is obtained, representing nearly 80 per cent of the entire railway mileage and gross earnings of steam railroads in the United States engaged in freight transportation. These earnings figures represent a gain over 1895 of slightly less than 1 per cent on a gain in mileage of about the same proportion, showing that the year 1896, though far from satisfactory in this respect, witnessed at least no falling off from the railway earnings totals of 1895 and 1894.

Bradstreets' comparison of prices of 108 staple articles and products at quarterly intervals for a series of years shows an upward tendency on the part of quotations during the last quarter of 1896. This is shown by there being 40 prices higher on Jan. 1, 1897, than on Oct. 1, 1896, 40 of which were lower and 28 practically the same on both dates—in contrast with 30 higher quotations Jan. 1, 1897, compared with one year ago; 72 lower quotations than on Jan. 1, 1896, and only three practically the same at the beginning and end of 1896. Advances during the last quarter of 1896 were conspicuous among most of the leading cereals, for live stock, meats, dairy products, some vegetables, hides, leather, wools, various grades of iron, copper, lead, brick, glass and spruce lumber; declines were noticeable for miscellaneous food products for cotton, hemp, print cloths, steel, tin, coal, coke, petroleum, rubber, paper and drugs.

Prices for this week show advances for leather, pork, lard, petroleum and cotton, while decreases are reported in prices of hides, wheat, corn, coffee, pig iron and steel billets. No change is reported in quotations for coal, lumber, flour, oats, sugar, print cloths and wool. Heavy stocks continue to depress cotton goods. Iron and steel have not met with the increased demand expected, while sugar and coffee prices have been affected by competition among leading dealers.

Bank clearings throughout the United States amount to $1,048,000,000 this week, 8 per cent less than last week, which was one day short, an unexpected shrinkage in volume of clearings. When comparison is made with the total in the second week of January, 1896, the decrease during this week is seen to be nearly 2 per cent. Contrasted with the corresponding week's total in 1895, this week's clearings show a gain of 7 per cent, and with the like total in 1894, an increase of 12 per cent. But when compared with clearings for the second week of January, 1893, the total for six business days, ending with and including Jan. 14, this year, shows a falling off of 23 per cent.

There have been 478 business failures in the United States this week, compared with 488 last week, 412 the second week of January, 1896, 358 in the like week of 1895, and as compared with 404 in the corresponding period of 1894.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 2,948,154 bushels, as compared with 3,108,000 bushels last week, 3,202,000 bushels in the week one year ago, 3,564,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 3,332,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 3,637,000 bushels in the like week of 1893. Exports of Indian corn this week amount to 3,757,000 bushels, as compared with 4,819,000 bushels last week, 3,336,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 661,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 2,052,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 655,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Business Conditions Gradually Improving, Though Prices Are Low.

New York, Jan. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say:

The greatest growth and prosperity the country has ever seen came suddenly in 1879, after several months of disappointment because specie resumption had not yet brought the benefits expected.

It is not the largest and most powerful vessel that can be started most quickly, and it takes time for new confidence to reach through easier markets, larger orders, resuming mills, expanding employment and larger distribution, to the results which make still greater and lasting gain possible. Such gradual and steady improvement has been in progress for more than two months. The output of pig iron has gained 12.2 per cent in December and 41.6 per cent since Oct. 1. The output of coke has increased 82.7 per cent since Oct. 1. Sales of wool have again become large, though not yet fully reported. Money markets feel a steady increase in demand for commercial and manufacturing loans. Additional works have gone into operation each week in January, and the working force is larger than at any other time for six months. Best of all, there is so little crazy excitement that the gain may be ascribed to the deliberate judgment of the ablest and most prudent men in business.

It is not a time of high prices. Natural and lasting growth does not begin as the flurry did in 1895, by forcing up prices without regard to the consuming demand. The lowest general average of prices in 1879, the lowest for 10 years after the panic of 1873, came several months after solid improvement had begun. Many who are anxious to get early hold on the market are making for the moment lower prices than they could afford to maintain. Some have secured orders enough for months to come, and begin to be less keen in competition.

Textile manufactures are not encouraged by the demand for goods, which scarcely increases, though more print cloths were sold than for many weeks. But some mode of clearing away the enormous surplus has become a necessity. Lower prices are expected in goods, and slow buying is not unnatural since cotton has fallen 17.8 per cent from Sept. 11, print cloths 7 per cent, bleached goods 3½@5½ and brown goods 2½, 3 and 4 per cent. Though woolen goods do not improve, there have been enormous purchases of wool by large mills not in records, which cover for two weeks of January 11,110,300 lbs. at the three chief markets, against 11,817,600 last year and 10,678,815 in 1895. Some large purchases of leather, including 10,000 sides of grain, indicate that some shoe manufacturers are seeing their way to more active work, and shipments from the east in January thus far are 20 per cent larger than last year. Hides at Chicago are 2½ per cent lower.

The wheat market has varied but slightly, closing ⅛ of a cent lower. Western receipts for the week, 1,505,032 bushels, against 2,916,274 last year, are checked by storms and by current prices in view of farmers' expectations. Atlantic exports were 10,856,519 bushels, flour included, a gain of 2,701,000, and 5,112,018 Pacific, a gain of 1,057,000 bushels. Traders begin to realize that enormous exports of corn are taking the place of wheat in foreign consumption, and will lessen the demand if wheat becomes dearer. Cotton took a rise of ⅛ on a trader's estimate, without change in conditions.

Failures for the week have been 455 in the United States, against 395 last year, and 71 in Canada, against 81 last year.

Massachusetts Benefit In Canada.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—A meeting has been arranged for between the superintendent of insurance at Ottawa, a representative of the Massachusetts Benefit Life association and the policy holders, to be held here next Wednesday. At the meeting the complaints regarding assessments will be discussed. As there are over 4000 policy holders in Canada considerable interest is being taken in the matter. The Massachusetts company a few years ago absorbed the business of the Canadian Mutual Aid association, and is doing business in Canada under a Dominion license. It has a deposit of $100,000. The Canadian policy holders claim that they are being deliberately forced out by the exacting of enormously increased assessments.

Objected to Alimony.

Boston, Jan. 16.—A notable case was tried in the divorce session of the superior court here yesterday, when Horatio W. Southworth, a wealthy Springfield paper manufacturer, appeared before his former wife, now Mrs. Treadwell of Brooklyn, as petitioner for the discontinuance of alimony. It resulted in a practical victory for the petitioner, as Judge Lilley gave a provisional judgment in his favor, which it is expected will be sustained in the supreme court, to which the case will be taken. The decision is an important one, as the court holds that a second marriage by a petitioner in a divorce suit ends the payment of alimony. The alimony amounted to $150 a month.

Mother Wanted to Keep Children.

Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 16.—The three children seized by State Agent Loring of the state board of charities on Tuesday last, from the home of Mrs. Clara Sargent, have been turned over to the state board by Judge Cate of the district court. These children were in a starving condition, and it was charged by the officials that Mrs. Sargent had no right to the care of them. One of the children was Marguerite, the child actress, who was formerly an attraction of a traveling theater troupe in New England. Mrs. Sargent fought hard to have the children returned to her, and the town officials fought equally hard to prevent it.

Board of Trade Organized at Brockton.

Brockton, Mass., Jan. 16.—The new board of trade was formally organized last night. The officers are: L. E. Chamberlain, president; Charles A. Eaton and Ellery Cahoon, vice presidents; L. Frank Garfield, treasurer, and Frank E. Angerer, secretary. These officers, with Edward W. Mellen, E. M. Low, Frank E. Shaw, Alderman Fred L. Smith and Alderman Fred H. Packard, constitute the executive committee.

Seven Men In Peril.

Menominee, Mich., Jan. 16.—Last night nine men were clinging to a block of ice a few rods square that was being driven out of Green bay into Lake Michigan by a fierce southerly gale. The wind was blowing 30 miles an hour, and carried on a zero temperature and an occasional snow squall. The men are fishermen, clad only in the none too heavy clothing worn while tending their nets, and unless the ice floe has been blown against Chamber's Island or Green island, there is little possibility that they lived through the night. The doomed men are residents of the little fishing village of Menekaunee, and their wives and children and neighbors spent last night on the mountains of ice that fringe the beach, weeping. The men were all fishing, when the ice suddenly broke up, and they were carried away from shore before assistance could be rendered.

Cannot Send For Voters.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—The election of Hugh John MacDonald as member of the Dominion house of commons for Winnipeg has been declared void on admissions made by his election agents. Only one witness was examined, and his testimony related to the hiring of vehicles to take voters to the polls. This is against the Canadian election law. MacDonald has entered an appeal to the supreme court.

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MINISTER WILLIS

The Victim of Pneumonia at Hawaii.

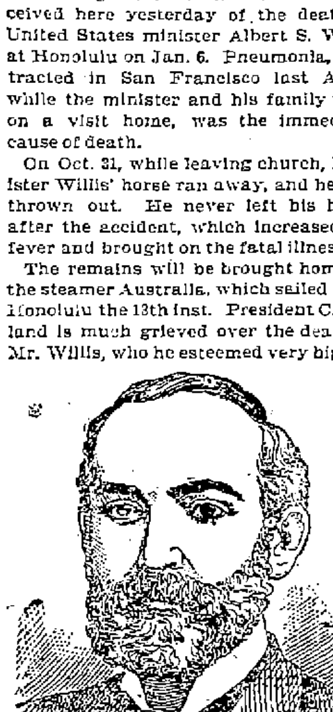
HIS ILLNESS LASTED OVER SEVEN MONTHS.

A Sketch of His Career and Service.

Washington, Jan. 16.—News was received here yesterday of the death of United States minister Albert S. Willis at Honolulu on Jan. 6. Pneumonia, contracted in San Francisco last April, while the minister and his family were on a visit home, was the immediate cause of death.

On Oct. 31, while leaving church, Minister Willis' horse ran away, and he was thrown out. He never left his home after the accident, which increased the fever and brought on the fatal illness.

The remains will be brought home by the steamer Australia, which sailed from Honolulu the 13th inst. President Cleveland is much grieved over the death of Mr. Willis, who he esteemed very highly.



MINISTER WILLIS.

Albert Sydney Willis was born near Shelbyville, Ky., about 55 years ago. He was the son of a well known physician. When Albert was 12 years of age his father died. After a short widowhood Mrs. Willis married J. L. Clemmons, a Louisville attorney, and came to that city to live. Albert was sent to the public schools. Later he entered the high school and took the full five years' course, graduating with distinction.

After graduating he taught school out on the Bardstown road. While filling this post, he studied law and later matriculated at the Louisville law school. In 1866 he graduated from the law school and began practice.

In the early seventies he was elected to the office of county attorney, which position he held until his election to congress in 1876, when he succeeded Henry Watterson, who had been selected to fill the unexpired term of E. Y. Parsons. He became a favorite lieutenant of Mr. Carlisle and maneuvered his forces for the speakership, to which office Mr. Carlisle was elected for the first time in the Forty-eighth congress. Mr. Carlisle then made Mr. Willis chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, which responsible position he ably filled. Mr. Willis served five terms in congress.

In 1893 Mr. Willis received the appointment as minister to Hawaii and accepted and assumed the post. He arrived at the island during the most critical moment in its history. Queen Liliuokalani had been deposed, and another government had taken the place of the monarchy.

The most intense interest existed as to what course the president would adopt. Mr. Cleveland intrusted his secret orders to Mr. Willis, and they were to the effect that Queen Liliuokalani should be reinstated in event of her granting immunity to all political offenders. This she declined to do. The recent state of affairs is well known. In 1876 Mr. Willis married Miss Florence Bulaney. They have one son, Albert S. Willis, Jr., who is at Honolulu.

Important Street Railway Change.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 16.—William W. Crapo and Henry W. Crapo have purchased a majority of the shares in the Union street railway recently controlled by the Beckley syndicate. This is an important event to many investors in this city and southeastern Massachusetts. Ex-Governor T. M. Waller of Connecticut and other capitalists were the leading owners, Waller being one of the directors. By the deal the Crapos become managing owners, and their policy will be to inaugurate reforms demanded by the traveling public. There will be a new executive management. The capital stock is $3,500,000.

Insolvent Gas Company.

Laconia, N. H., Jan. 16.—A petition in insolvency against the Winnipesaukee Gas and Electric Lighting company has been filed with Judge W. B. Fellows of the probate court at Tilton. A hearing on the petition was ordered for Jan. 19. The proceedings are commenced by the Laconia National bank. The liabilities are estimated at about $45,000, including the bonded indebtedness of $40,000. The assets are not stated.

Boston Cycling Clubs.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the Associated Cycling clubs of Boston and vicinity was held last night at Young's, and F. S. McCausland was elected president after a spirited contest. The directors elected were H. C. Nickerson, A. D. Peck and J. W. Porter. The auditing committee elected were Warren Dow, G. H. G. Ferguson and C. E. Gilchrist.

Schooner Goes to Pieces.

Portland, Me., Jan. 16.—The schooner John Somers, which went ashore on the southern end of Monhegan Island last wee, has gone to pieces and is a total loss. She was not insured, and her cargo of oil was nearly all saved.

Congregational Chimes.

Portland, Me., Jan. 16.—W. L. Blake, a wealthy oil dealer of this city, has presented the St. Lawrence Street Congregational church with a valuable chime of bells, and when they are in place they will be the only chimes in Portland.

Five Orphans Perish.

Dallas, Jan. 16.—Late last night the boys' wing of Buckner's Orphan Home, five miles from this city, was destroyed by fire. Five boys perished in the flames and several others were burned.

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GONE TO CANTON

Ex-Gov. Long to Consult McKinley on Cabinet.

T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE FOR SECRETARY.

He is President of Lawrence Mfg. Company.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Jan. 15.—Ex-Gov. Long has gone to Canton, O., for a conference with McKinley, possibly in connection with a cabinet position.

BOSTON MAN CONSIDERED.

T. Jefferson Coolidge Named as Candidate for Secretary of War.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The name of T. Jefferson Coolidge, president of the Lawrence Manufacturing company of Lowell, is being seriously considered by President-Elect McKinley in connection wit the war portfolio, so says Rep. Barrett.

Mr. Barrett had a long talk with Senator Proctor yesterday morning in Washington about cabinet matters, and the latter says Mr. Coolidge is a possibility.

ANOTHER HORTON BILL.

Father of New York's Boxing Law Introduces Another to Prevent Accidents.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Mr. Horton introduced in the assembly today a bill compelling all present who take part in sparring exhibitions to have physician's certificate to their physical perfection taken two hours before the fight.

FOR BOSTON.

A New Kind of School Board is Proposed.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Jan. 15.—The most radical piece of legislation introduced at the state house yesterday was a bill presented in the house by Rep. John A. Keliher of Ward 9, Boston, who would have the school committee of the city of Boston abolished, and would institute in its place a school board of seven members, to be appointed by the mayor of Boston, subject to the confirmation of the board of aldermen.

Mr. Keliher would have two of the members of the board women.

AN ELDERLY SUICIDE.

Taunton Old Man Shoots Himself After a Spree.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 15.—Harmon S. Smith, aged 79, was found dead in his room this morning with a bullet in his brain. He had been drinking and was despondent. He had attempted suicide several times.

TO FINE LADIES

Three Dollars Each for Wearing High Hats at Theatres.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—The City council passed an ordinance last night imposing a fine of $3 for obstructing the view of the stage by ladies hats. All kinds of hats are tabooed.

Minister Dead.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—A steamer arrived at midnight from Honolulu bringing word that Minister Albert S. Willis died Jan. 6. He was ill for several months with pneumonia. The funeral took place next day. Remains will be forwarded here.

Woman Murderously Beaten.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Middleton, Conn., Jan. 15.—Mrs. Joseph Smith was murderously assaulted near the bridge last night. She was felled to the ground with a black-jack and then robbed. There is no clue.

To Stop Divorces.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Bismark, N. D., Jan. 15.—A bill is to be introduced to the legislature to make one year the shortest term of residence in the state to obtain a divorce. It is intended to stop the wholesale divorce business.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

The government today presented the town of Hampton, N. H., three massive cannon, each weighing five tons, to be placed on the commons.

PRINCESS CHIMAY AGAIN

SHE IS TAKEN FOR A RUSSIAN SPY.

The Much Talked About American Princess Who Eloped With a Gypsy Was Taken For a Russian Spy at Buda-Pesth.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Brussels, Jan. 15.—Princess Chimay had an unpleasant experience in Buda-Pesth. The officers were informed that she was a Russian spy, and then searched her apartments and seized a package of documents. The princess threatened them with a revolver. They contained letters from crowned heads.

The princess threatens legal proceedings.

OIL STOVE EXPLODED

And Burned Down a Shed in Billerica Street.

An oil stove exploded in an old shed in Billerica street owned by J. F. Anderson, at 12:30 this afternoon and burned the shed. It was used by a milkman and it is supposed that he left the oil stove there and it exploded.

MATRIMONIAL.

The marriage of Michael J. Deady, the well known engraver of the Merrimack Print Works and Miss Katherine F. Rourke, occurred yesterday afternoon at St. Patrick's parochial residence, Rev. Fr. Burke performing the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Katharine McDonald and the best man was Mr. John Finnegan. A brief reception at which only immediate relatives were present was held at the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Lang on Salem street after which the happy couple left on their honeymoon. They will reside on Lombard street and have the best wishes of their many friends. There were no cards.

Tillotson-Towne.

Mr. Willis N. Tillotson and Miss Edith Belle Towne, both of Cady's Falls, Vt. were united in marriage at 6 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Hart, 243 High street by Rev. C. E. Fisher.

POLICE COURT.

Hadley J.

Three drunks. Kate Johnson received five months in the workhouse.

Eli Hart was charged with stealing a bicycle from John Hollingsworth but owing to his youth was allowed to go on probation.

The case of Saphronia Desmarais and not Archambault charged with shoplifting from the Bon Marche was continued until Jan. 22.

Arthur Lavesque, John and Thomas Boyle, John Laplante, Edward Burke, John Robbins and John Mahon were all in for breaking and entering the burned out store of William Lajoie on Market street. John Mahan the oldest of the boys was sent to the Massachusetts reformatory while the others were either dismissed or placed on probation.

Omer Greneau, a small boy was in for stealing six bottles of tonic from a grocery store on Watson avenue.

FUNERAL SERVICES

CADRETTE—The funeral of Wilfred Cadrette took place this afternoon from his parents' home in Collinsville and the burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

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The Story of Puritana.

Prof. Dixi Crosby, M. D., LL. D., who for thirty-two years was at the head of Dartmouth Medical College, belonged to the famous Crosby family of physicians, which for several generations has furnished more distinguished medical men than any other family in America. His father was Dr. Asa Crosby, of Dartmouth, who procured the charter of the State medical society, of which he was for thirty years a conspicuous member; one brother, Dr. Josiah Crosby, invented the invalid bed and the method of making extensions of fractured limbs by adhesive strips; another brother, Dr. Thos. R. Crosby, was chief surgeon in Columbian College Hospital during the war, and later professor of animal and vegetable physiology at Dartmouth College; while Dr. Dixi Crosby himself was the inventor and discoverer of various important improvements in medicine and surgery, including a new and unique mode of reducing metacarpo-phalangeal dislocation, opening of abscess at hip-joint, etc., etc.

At the early age of twenty-four his extraordinary skill and success in overcoming disease had already attracted the attention of medical men throughout the world, and won for him the highest honors. His greatest achievement was the discovery of an original method for perfecting and compounding in permanent form what has become known as his "prize formula," and which, under the name of Puritana, is legally protected.

The foundation of this remarkable medical discovery consists of simple New England roots and herbs, and the original family recipe for it has descended to the long line of Crosby physicians from their Puritan ancestors. Its peculiar vegetable composition rendered it necessary to brew it whenever needed in the early days of its history, and after the scattering of the Puritan families to remote localities, where the necessary ingredients were not to be found, many attempts were made to put it up in permanent form, all of which failed until Dr. Dixi Crosby discovered means and methods, the result of which is: Nature's Cure compounded in the laboratory of Common Sense.

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For Boston, at 6.50, 8.15, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05 12.45, 2.30, 3.20, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 4.15, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Lawrence, 6.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p.m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Haverhill, 6.30, 6.50, 8.30, 9.25 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Salem and Lynn, 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Newburyport and Amesbury, 6.30 a. m. 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p. m.
For Exeter and Dover, 6.50, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p.m.
For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 4.05 p. m.
For Somersworth, N. H., Salmon Falls, Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.50, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Lewiston, 8.30 a. m; 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Bangor, Belfast, and way stations, 8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Skowhegan and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.
For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., and the Provinces, 5.10 p. m., except Saturday. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, 8.30, a. m., 5.10 p. m. (5.10 does not run Saturdays); SUNDAY, 5.30 p. m.
For Eastport and St. John (per steamer), on Mondays, 12.05 p. m.
For Castine Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones, from Rockland), last trip for season, Dec. 24, '96.
†Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

Southern Division.

On and After Oct. 4, 1896, Trains Leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as Follows:

For Boston, 5.45, 6.30, ¶6.50, *7.45, *8.50, *9.00, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, ¶3.00, 4.25, ¶6.35 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.
Trains Leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:
For Boston, 5.48, 6.33, ¶6.52, 7.01, 7.19, *7.27, 7.33, *7.48, *8.57, 9.03, *9.50, 11.03, 11.42 a. m. 12.16, 1.43, ¶3.03, ¶3.55, 4.00, 4.26, 5.22, 5.38, 6.21, 7.51 p. m. SUNDAYS, *7.18, *7.27, 8.48, *9.19 a. m.; 4.25, 5.53 p. m.
For Woburn, 5.50, 7.01, 7.33, 7.45, 11.00 a.m.; 1.40, 4.28, p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m., 4.25, 5.53 p. m.
*Express. ¶Via Bedford.
For Lawrence, 6.30, 10.00 a. m; 4.15 p. m.
For Salem, and Way Stations, 7.33 a. m.; 1.28, 5.53 p. m.
For Ayer Junction, and Way Stations, 7.10 a. m.; 12.02, 5.00 and 5.32 p. m. SUNDAYS 2.15 p. m.
For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.13 a. m.; 1.00, 3.43, 5.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 2 p. m.
For Greenfield, Peterboro', Bennington, Hillsboro' and Keene, 9.13 a. m. and 3.43 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Greenfield, 2.00 p. m.
For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.40, 9.13, 9.40, 10.09 a. m; 12.09, 1.00, 1.40, 3.43, 5.40, 6.17, 8.13, 8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only) 3.08 a.m., 2.00, 6.02, 8.12, 8.40 p.m.
For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.13, 9.40 a. m; 12.09, 1.40 (to Franklin only), 5.40, †8.13 p. m.
For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction—7.40, 9.13 a. m; 1.40 p. m.
For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville via Wells River—9.40 a.m; 1.40, †8.40 p. m.
For Montpelier, Montreal, Essex Junction, Burlington and St. Albans, via Central Vermont line—9.40 a. m.; 12.09, †8.13 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line—9.40 a. m.; †8.40 p. m.
Quebec Express via Plymouth and Sherbrooke—1.40, 8.40 p. m., daily except Sunday.
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Only 5000 feet from City Hall, over and near the new Moody Street bridge. 76 houses built in this section last year. 18 houses are being built at the present time, and several cellars are being made. Lots are being resold at a big profit. Now is the time for you to buy. New electric road in the spring. Gas, sewers, city water, etc. This is no land scheme, but a bona fide chance for you to secure a good home or investment in one of the best sections of the city, at a low price and on very easy terms. Call for plans, terms, etc. Office on the land, open every afternoon.

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FURNITURE of small house for sale, almost new; will be sold cheap. Address, A. B. J. Sun office.

LOST—The night of Jan. 12th, 9 o'clock, Middlesex street depot, ladies hand bag. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to 11 West Adams street, or addressing C. M., Box 634, City.

LADIES, my monthly regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. I have never had a single failure; no other doctor can say this. Longest cases relieved in 2 to 5 days without fail; no pain, no danger, no interference with work; price $2; by mail or at office; consultation free; all letters truthfully answered. DR. TOLMAN, 170 Tremont street, Boston.

FOR SALE—250 square, second-hand slate. J. W. Bennett, 564 Middlesex street.

TO LET—A tenement of five rooms conveniently located. Apply at John McKeown's, 4, rear of 81 Chapel street.

LOST—In this city, a coupon receipt book belonging to the Singer Mfg. Co. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at 187 Middlesex street.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

FOR SALE—100,000 second hand brick. J. W. Bennett, 564 Middlesex street.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home, No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 821 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms newly furnished at 404 Bridge street.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in active company for sale at $4 per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1804, Boston.

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FOR SALE—In Centralville, five minutes walk from mills, good cottage house of seven rooms, in good repair. If you are looking for a home this will suit you. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A position as stenographer and typewriter; experienced; mercantile or legal work; can give good recommendation; also good references. Address B, Sun office, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—On Wilder street, twostory, two tenement house. This is a bargain. Price $3000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street

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WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Athan Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c., prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

FOR SALE—On Middlesex street, lot of land of 7,300 feet, corner of streets. Price 10 cents per foot. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c., stamps, for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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FOR SALE—500 second-hand doors. J. W. Bennett, 594 Middlesex street.

FOR SALE—In Pawtucketville, good 7 room cottage house, large lot of land near new bridge. Call and look over it at once. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop, Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

FOR SALE—On Nashua road a good farm of 20 acres, lots of fruit, good two tenement house, good barn. This is a good chance if you want to get you a home. Price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

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COLD WEATHER COMFORTS

We're going to need them very soon if what the weather prophets say is true. Seal Skin Gloves, Heavy Weight Underwear, new and handsome designs in Silk Mufflers, and Heavy Caps and Gloves are dividing attention with our superb line of gentlemen's furnishings at this time.

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LADIES' SKATING BOOTS, Former price $2.50, Wonder price $1.50.

LADIES' WOOL ALASKA, Boston Shoe Rubber Co.'s Make, Regular price $1.00 Wonder price 75c.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:10; sets, 4:39.
Length of day—9h. 29m.
Moon sets—5:32 a. m.
Full sea—9:15 a. m., 10 p. m.

Forecast for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont: Cloudy weather; slightly warmer; easterly, shifting to southerly winds.

For Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut: Light local snows; probably clearing during the day; northerly to easterly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance. Donovan bl'd.

There is talk of a new hotel being erected on Central street.

The Catholic Lyceum will hold a carnation carnival Jan. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stickney have gone on a trip to California.

All the evening schools have been visited by the evening school committee.

There are many visitors to Memorial hall these days, according to the custodian.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone 439-9.

Fifty dress suits to let for parties and balls. Telephone 255. Cavanaugh and Dissault.

Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I., who has been ill, has recovered and is about his duties again.

The committee on books and supplies of the school board will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

George W. Harrington of South High-land street, was seized with an attack of paralysis yesterday.

The democratic city committee caucuses in Wards 1 and 6 next Wednesday evening, will open at 7.30.

If your coal does not suit you, try Mullin, the 1018 Gorham street coal dealer. You can get him by telephone connection.

"The Growth to Better Social Conditions" will be the address at Unity Guild, 118 Church street, tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

Among the councilmen the rumor has gained circulation that President Penn will appoint his committees at the next meeting.

The latest thing in the smoking line is the cigarros advertised by John W. Pevey. They are all Havana tobacco and sold at 10 cents a box.

Dr. John H. O'Connor of Hyde Park, and Dr. John O'Sullivan of Lawrence, were in this city yesterday and called on their friends.

The feast of the Holy Name will be observed in the Catholic churches tomorrow and there will be receptions of new members into the Holy Name societies.

The civil service examiners spent all yesterday afternoon in the council chamber examining the papers of some of the applicants who took yesterday's examination.

If F. M. Barney & Co., can make the lowest bid for a car (150 barrels) of bread flour to the city of Lowell, in competition with the leading wholesale dealers, they can name a price to the citizens of Lowell lower than any retail dealer cares to sell at. They inform us that the lot of 500 barrels is going fast at $4.95 and that the sale will continue until all is sold.

Buy good clean Coal, D. W. Horne & Son, 15 Central street.

Ward Eight Republicans.

The Ward Eight republican club held a love feast in Bay State hall last evening. The D. L. Page Co. catered, and the gathering included many leading republicans of the city. Ex-Councilman George is president of the club.

BICYCLIST HURT.

He Was Thrown Under Another Wheel on Middlesex Street.

A young man named Weston R. Waterman was riding a bicycle on Middlesex street, near Central street, yesterday, when the fork of the wheel snapped and the rider was thrown under a passing vehicle. He escaped without injury, however.

BOXING GOSSIP.

Martin Flaherty received word from Roche, of New York, this morning, stating that the fight with Frank Erne is off, owing to circumstances over which he had no control. Martin had begun light training for the event, but will now look for a go with White and if possible a return match with Dixon.

Joe Flaherty is in town again after a prolonged tour of Connecticut and New York, during which he appeared in the ring several times.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor Sun:

Dear Sir:—Please give space to the following: I read in yours of the 1st inst. an article that a new society is about to elucidate Irish history to the American people. They tell us that the Dutch and the Spanish have historical associations. Yes, they have them in their mother tongue. Why not the Irish have theirs in their mother tongue? I appeal to the clergy of this city to encourage the reading of Irish lessons in their young men's halls and I also appeal to the heads of societies to join hands with the promoters of the Gaelic League and president of the Celtic chair in Washington university and form a branch of Irish reading in this city.

All large cities have branches of the League except Lowell. I would assist in teaching one or two hours for two nights each week free of charge. Young and old are invited to join and help. We want 25 persons to send there names to your paper to form a club as a beginning. Come gentlemen and open that great storehouse of knowledge that is locked in darkness, for at least one hundred years. Irish history has been forgotten since Dr. John O'Donovan's time. In the works of Eugene O'Curry the book of Kells and the book of Durrow of the 6th century, the gospel St. Molling of the ninth century, the book of Laccan of the 15th century also Leber Hymnorasum of the 10th century and annals of the four masters in the 17th century are untold treasures. Our Irish monks wrote history ages ago for the colleges of Europe. The learned Italian Biscoli is many years writing an Irish dictionary, and many foreign scholars study Irish for its treasures.

Sir please not mention my name until I hear a response to this call. I hope you will publish this and receive the thanks of the Irish people. J. F.

Skates! Skates!

This is good skating weather. We will sell you a good pair of skates for 25c. Dickson Bros., 68 Merrimack street.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 31 MERK ST.

CUBAN REFORM MEASURE

STATEMENT UPON THE ATTITUDE OF SPAIN.

Comments of Various Papers on the Situation.

London, Jan. 16.—The Standard's Madrid correspondent, with reference to the coming decree for Cuban reforms, which he says the queen regent has completely approved, telegraphs as follows:

It is evident that the government wishes to indicate that it has acted spontaneously, even going beyond the powers already voted by the cortes, which will have to grant a bill of indemnity for the new decree. The reforms will show how far Spain is prepared to go in decentralization without surrendering any rights or prerogatives of the home government and of the cortes, in which both Cuba and Porto Rico will have due representation. It will also be seen that in the reform of the tariff Spain is disposed to sacrifices compatable with the needs of the Cuban budget. More can hardly be expected from a Conservative cabinet, and Spaniards will anxiously watch the effects of this change of policy in the new world.

The Standard says of this dispatch in an editorial:

The plan owes its origin to Senor Canovas, and it is a foregone conclusion that the council of state will approve the reforms. It is Spain's only safe policy. She incurs a grave risk of a rupture with the United States by continuing the war. She is right in refusing to quit her hold of Cuba. If the insurgents are discontented with the concessions Spain is justified in a severe use of the sword.

Senor Canovas has taken a courageous line in braving a storm of popular passion. We hope there is enough common sense and loyalty in the country to support him. The time could not have been more wisely chosen, because there is no appearance of yielding to American dictation.

PLASTERERS ROBBED.

Three Men Are Arrested For Swindling Them.

New York, Jan. 16.—Assistant District Attorney Battle has given out the facts regarding the defalcation of funds of the Plasterers' union, and in which two arrests have been made. The men arrested are Michael Kiernan, 29 years old, and Lawrence C. Sory, a keeper in the Tombs, and a friend of the co-defendant. A third man, Timothy Sullivan, has not yet been arrested. Kiernan has made a full confession of his crime, and it was on his evidence that the indictments were found. Kiernan and Sullivan were members of the board of trustees of the union. It is a large organization, and the annual income is more than $20,000. The money was always placed in the Union Dime Savings bank and the Emigrant Savings bank. By arrangement, money could be drawn upon the order of Kiernan, as a member of the board. According to the confession, he drew out $5367, which he spent with Sullivan and Story. The money was taken in November, and two of them went south. Story is charged with having got a share of the stolen money, as he went around with the men.

MURDERED HIS BRIDE.

Serious Charge is Brought Against Patrick Donahue.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—Patrick Donahue, who was married Thursday afternoon, was arrested yesterday charged with murdering his wife. A reception was given at their home at 2119 Darien street, which lasted until 10 o'clock Thursday night. That was the last seen of the couple until yesterday morning, when a milkman came along and rang the door bell. Donahue came to the door, affrighted and haggard, and asked the milkman to go for his sister, saying his wife was sick. When Donahue's sister reached the house she found the woman dead. Her face was black, her head cut, and bloody finger marks were on her neck. Donahue was placed under arrest, but denies all knowledge of the murder.

SCARLET FEVER.

Raging in the Little Town of Merrimack, Mass.

Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 16.—The scarlet fever epidemic here is increasing, four new cases being reported yesterday and one death. The public library has been ordered closed and all books fumigated.

Skowhegan, Me., Jan. 16.—An epidemic of scarlet fever has broken out in Athens, 12 miles from this place, and the town is under quarantine. Business is temporarily suspended, all schools have been closed by the board of health and no services will be held in the churches on Sunday.

O'NEIL'S STORY.

He Endeavors to Prove an Alibi But is Weak.

Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 16.—Jack O'Neil, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Hattie E. McCloud at Shelburne Falls last Friday, was interviewed in jail yesterday. He talked freely, but declined to tell where he got his money or to account for his time on the night of the murder. He protested his innocence of the crime, and said he did not see Mrs. McCloud that night. He said he had been drinking freely on that and previous days, but was not drunk. He said he and others were drinking with Jimmy Wood, who had money, and they were helping him to spend it. He said he left the house after supper about 6:10 and met Mrs. Dow and Lena Schontag by the bridge about 8 o'clock. He refused to explain his movements during this time, but said he would do so in court. Just before meeting the two women he said he saw Julius Pfersick and accosted him. He said he then crossed the bridge and went into a pool room, but soon returned and purchased a pint of whisky at the Woodward House, paying 50 cents for it. He refused to tell where he obtained the money. Woods and Pfersick are new men in the case, and the stories will be sifted by the officers.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Billiousness

is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache, insomina, nervousness, and, if not relieved, billous fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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ALMOST FATAL ACCIDENT

A CARPENTER FALLS THREE STORIES

Through an Elevator Well—He Was Picked Up Unconscious and Taken to His Home Badly Injured.

The new Marin block on Merrimack street, opposite Race street, was the scene last night of an almost fatal accident.

One of the carpenters employed in the exterior of the building is D. A. Girard, who resides at 22 Exeter street.

Mr. Girard was at work on the third floor, and just before 6 o'clock began to prepare to leave for home.

He started to walk across the floor and stepped into the elevator shaft. A portion of the staging on the second floor extended into the shaft and this broke his fall.

He was picked up on the ground floor and afterwards taken in the ambulance to his home. The man complained of severe pains around the chest and shoulders, but no bones are broken.

CRICKET CLUB DANCE.

Annual Party Was Held in Prescott Hall Last Night.

The Lowell Cricket club held an enjoyable concert and ball in Prescott hall last night.

The concert, which came before dancing, included songs by Miss M. M. McCaffrey, and Mr. J. S. Jackson; cornet solos by Miss Pratt, and selections by Bamber's orchestra.

The dancing was in charge of the following officers:

General manager, Hugh J. Murphy; floor director, Walter Ellison; assistant, John J. Murphy; aids, J. Waterson, J. Smith, M. Burns, H. Hale, M. Duggan, M. Casey, A. Simpson; reception committee, William Gath, T. Hibbert, William Flynn, M. Miklejohn, William Hounsell, H. Perkins.

BASE BALL.

A new base ball team to be known as the Athletes has been formed and will be managed by Walter Whittaker, who is well known in base ball circles. His team is well selected some of the players being Jack McVey, Ledwidge, Whalen, Shenard, Crosby, Vaughn, Fratus, Lawler and Muzzey. McPherson and Davis will also be secured if possible.

The club will hold a ball at Associate hall Feb. 26.

Denny Long is hustling for players for his Wilmington team and among those he has secured are Pete Anderson, a South Paw twirler from Oswego and W. A. Spratt, a short stop from Illinois.

BOWLING NEWS.

In the Highland club tournament last night, Kirby made 604, and his team lost to Team Seven 2162 to 2217. Team Two also won by defeating Team Eleven 2235 to 2139.

On the Vesper alleys last night, Team Nine won from Team Seven 2120 to 2114.

The office employes of the water works department defeated the shop hands 2108 to 1958.

Yesterday's Fire.

An alarm from box 93 just before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was for a slight blaze in an old shed on May street, Centralville, used by a club of boys for a meeting place.

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(Every pair of "Box Calf" shoes has this Key Ring Check attached.)

Men and Women who Wear

"BOX CALF"

shoes have warm, dry feet, and

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by not wearing rubbers, thus avoiding colds and consequent sicknesses.

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request to White Bros. & Co., Boston, will bring to you valuable and *free* information on "The Shoe Question."

Scott's Emulsion Cod Liver Oil, at lowest prices, at Goodale's Drug Store, 217 Central street.

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To close out surplus stock at

Louis Alexander's,

Formerly of Fifth Ave., New York.

Importer and Tailor, No. 65 Central Street.

MILL KINDLING IS DEAR when you buy of a dealer who sends his team out with a false bottom. We will give you $5 for every load you find leaving our yard fixed that way. Our load is the big load. WM. COGGER, 23 Concord street.

Munyon's Remedies, a full line always at Goodale's Drug Store, 217 Central street.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The engagement of Barney Ferguson and Tim Cronin in McCarthy's Mishaps is one that the people have been requesting during this present season. At last they are here with their clever company of laughmakers.

Barney Ferguson has been before the public for the past five seasons and at every performance during that time he has not failed to please the lovers of amusement; same can be said of Mr. Tim Cronin who today stands on the same par with Mr. Ferguson. Everyone should not fail to grasp the opportunity of seeing these clever comedians in that roaring farce comedy, "McCarthy's Mishaps," which gives its last performance tonight at Music hall.

Spiritualism Tomorrow Evening.

At Music hall, Sunday evening, Jan. 17, Manager Boody has secured the services of one of the most remarkable men of the 19th century, Prof. Fred D. Barrall, who is looked upon as the only genuine and bona-fide medium in the world this side of India. He exposes to his audience all the fraudulent tricks of so-called mediums, and produces all his startling manifestations in full light on the open stage. He produces the ancient writing on the wall, the La-Hassa Test the Striboff Mystery, and positively full forms, sometimes 8 or 10 in number, in full light; they can be conversed with and many fully recognized.

The press and public all over the universe speak of him in the highest terms, praising him for his remarkable work. He donates a part of his receipts to charity, viz: poor children, thereby becoming a public benefactor. He is the first and only one of his kind who has ever visited our city.

The Elite Vaudeville Co.

Seldom do we see such a list of leading vaudeville people on one bill as appear at Music hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, under the title of the Elite Vaudeville Co., which also introduces as an extra attraction, Edison and Dow's latest invention, "Rayoscope," a feature in itself, and produces life-size moving photographs, with colored effects. Then there is an olio which is "all right," including Lew Benedict, the famous minstrel; Howley and Doyle, Allie Leslie, 3—Craigs—3, Mille Salvina, Dryden and Lyons, Waldo Whipple, the Belmonts, Phil H. Morton, Nelson Brothers, and Newell and Cinquello.

Savoy Theatre.

The Savoy company next week will be seen in a double bill, and in which both plays will be very pleasing to witness. The first is the charming one-act play, "One Touch of Nature," in which Mr. Weston will be seen in the role of "Wm. Penn Holder," with Mr. Burrens as "Mr. Belgrave," Mr. Fleming as "Beaumont Fletcher," and Miss Annable as "Constance Belmour." This play is to be followed at each performance by the sparkling comedy in 3 acts, entitled "Snowball," with Mr. Weston as "Felix Featherstone," Mr. Alden as "Uncle John," Mr. Wright as "Harry Prendergast," Mr. Scranton as "Saunders," Miss Knight as "Mrs. Featherstone," Miss Annable as "Ethel Granger," and Miss Knott as "Penelope." With these two strong casts in such attractive plays, the theatre will have good houses all the week.

There is to be a special matinee on Thursday afternoon, when a testimonial performance will be given to Mr. Weston by the lady patrons of the Savoy. A great bill will be given, which will be announced later.

This afternoon and evening the Crust of Society will be seen for the last time before a new bill is put on. Miss Fitz-Allan will not appear in next week's bill.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Kirk Street Church Held Last Evening.

The Kirk street church held its annual meeting last evening and after receiving reports from the church officials, elected the following officers: A. L. Thompson, clerk and treasurer; George W. Batchelder, auditor; Miss Merrill, Mrs. J. B. Trueworthy, Miss Brownell, and Mrs. Jolly, deaconesses; Henry Hyde, Elmore Webster, Arthur Wright and Harry Sewall, ushers; E. P. Woods, Jacob Rogers, G. W. Batchelder and Miss Ela Edgell, Central Mission committee; D. A. W. Burnham, deacon for six years.

Mr. Nathaniel Honsrin entertained a party of 30 of his friends at his home on West Fourth street last evening.

POLICE NOTES.

A sneak thief stole an overcoat from the house of Franklin T. Wilson of 109 Grand street last evening the thief entering the entry while the family were at supper. An undercoat and vest which hung nearby were not touched.

EFFORTS APPRECIATED.

Ladies to Tender a Testimonial Benefit to Kendal Weston.

The following correspondence explains itself:

Mr. Kendal Weston, Savoy theatre, Lowell, Mass.:

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned patrons of the Savoy theatre, and admirers of the excellent manner in which the various productions at your theatre have been given for our amusement, should very much like to express our appreciation of your earnest efforts, by tendering you a testimonial in the shape of an extra matinee performance for your benefit, to be given at your theatre on a date most agreeable to you.

If you would kindly select the play or plays you would like to appear in, we would only suggest that you favor us with some of your recitations and personations in addition thereto.

Trusting our idea may meet with your approval, and that you select an early date, also awaiting your reply.

We are very sincerely, Mrs. A. Fels, Mrs. G. E. Stanley, Mrs. Chas. W. Eaton, Miss. S. E. Hovey, Mrs. E. T. Rowell, Mrs. Prentiss Webster, Mrs. Hiram Whitney, Mrs. F. C. Plunkett, Mrs. Kate S. Martin, Mrs. Alfred Clarke, Mrs. F. P. Marble, Mrs. Wm. S. Lamson, Mrs. Henry C. Howe, Mrs. Charles E. Paige, Gertrude I. Stanley, Mrs. Harry Raynes, Mrs. Joseph S. Brown, Mrs. J. V. Meigs, jr., Mrs. Wilfrid Taylor, Mrs. S. P. Hadley, Miss Ball, Mrs. Julian Talbot, Mrs. C. H. Conant, Mrs. O. Saunders, Mrs. E. M. Tucke, Mrs. W. A. Dickinson, Mrs. M. S. Thompson, Mrs. C. H. Kimball, Mrs. J. V. Keyes, Mrs. G. C. Evans, Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Mrs. J. M. G. Parker, Miss Minsur, Mrs. E. J. Noyes, Mrs. Fred A. Buttrick, Miss M. B. Russell, Mrs. Thos. M. Noyes, Mrs. Edward Ellingwood.

January 12, 1897.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 14, 1897.

To the Ladies who signed the request for a Testimonial Performance:

Your letter tendering me a testimonial, in the form of an extra matinee performance, has been received by me, and in reply I would say that if the efforts of myself and company have met with your approval and appreciation, as your flattering remarks would suggest, I can only say that I am extremely gratified and proud of the fact.

As to your request, I shall be pleased to accept the proffered testimonial, and will name Thursday afternoon, January 21, as the date on which it will be given, and will present the following program:

The one-act play, "In Honor bound," the third act of "The Crust of Society," and the one-act comedy, "My Father's Wife," besides which I shall be pleased to recite "Fra Glacome." Thanking you once again, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
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$9.95 For heavy satin lined blue and black fine Kersey Overcoats, former price $15.

$12.95 For superior quality of Oxford mixed Melton Heavy Overcoats, former price $18.00.

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CHAS. F. VARNUM

Elected Supt. of Lands and Buildings Dept.

BY BOTH BRANCHES AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Early Test of the Law May be Made.

The way is now clear for an early and immediate test of the charter amendments.

Last night the city council elected Charles F. Varnum superintendent of lands and buildings, and thus removed every obstacle that has prevented an early settlement.

Previous to the meeting, the republican aldermen and councilmen held a joint caucus in Supt. Cheney's office. They talked over the situation in the lands and buildings department and endeavored to come to some agreement. They were at a great variance at first, and finally agreed to settle down to Varnum as a choice, as soon as one of the boards sent him to the other as their man. This caucus lasted almost one hour.

The democratic councilmen assembled in the aldermanic committee room. Supt. Bray and William F. Curtin, Esq., were present. The councilmen had been requested to support William T. True in preference to any one else for superintendent of lands and buildings. Councilmen Thornton, Miskella, Kennedy and O'Hare were willing to vote for Mr. True when they had a statement from him.

Then Mr. True entered the room and addressing the democratic councilmen assured them that should they vote for him and elect him, no democratic school janitor would lose his job. But there were five against balloting, and the majority ruled.

It was stated that were Mr. True elected, Mr. Varnum would hand over the keys of the department to Supt. Bray.

This would place the latter in unquestioned possession and would leave him on the defensive, while Mr. True would be obliged to make the initial step in the test case.

That was the argument presented to some of the councilmen.

The result of the caucus was a decision not to ballot. The caucuses ended at 8.40 o'clock.

THE ALDERMEN.

It was 8.45 when Chairman Howe called to order.

The report of the inspector of milk and vinegar was ordered on file.

The following petitions were referred: Of E. W. Twohey for acceptance of a sidewalk on Madison street; of James Burns, for acceptance of a sidewalk on Concord street.

Alderman Hooper moved to ballot for a superintendent of public buildings.

"I object to the motion, and I believe it is out of order, because we have already elected George W. Pearson and have not received word from the council since then," said Alderman Peirce.

"The point is well taken," answered the chair.

It was then voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the chair.

Upon reassembling, the board adopted the order changing the meeting time from the first and third Tuesday evenings to the second and fourth Tuesday evenings.

Alderman Peirce's joint order referring that portion of the mayor's address relating to hawkers' and peddlers' licenses to the committee on ordinance and legislation was adopted.

A ballot was taken for superintendent of lands and buildings, and only six aldermen voted.

C. F. Varnum had 5, W. T. True 1, and Mr. Varnum was declared elected.

The board then adjourned.

THE COUNCIL.

The council meeting was called to order at 8.50 and after transacting concurrent business a ballot for superintendent of public buildings showed C. F. Varnum had 8, William T. True 9, and Mr. True was declared elected. The council then took a recess.

Upon reassembling Councilman Miskella moved to adjourn but was ruled out of order on the ground that no business had intervened since the last motion to adjourn was offered.

Notice of the election of Charles F. Varnum as superintendent of public buildings by the aldermen was read. The council then proceeded to ballot for a superintendent of public buildings. The vote was, C. F. Varnum 10, W. T. True 5, blank 1, and Mr. Varnum was declared elected in concurrence.

The council adopted an order changing the time of the meeting of the council from the second and fourth Tuesdays to the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The order will take effect after February first. On motion of Councilman Miskella the council then adjourned.

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RAILROAD WRECK.

Nine Cars Badly Smashed on the Boston and Maine.

Durham, N. H., Jan. 16—Nine freight cars on the western division of the Boston and Maine railroad were wrecked near here this morning. The cars derailed were badly smashed. A broken draw bar caused the accident and the loss will be heavy.

LOCAL NOTES.

Members of Lowell council, Knights of Columbus will assist at the organization of a council in Haverhill tomorrow.

Purchasing Agent Barnard has had two new desks added to his office furniture. One is for his clerk and the other for a typewriter.

One of Johnson's laundry wagons became caught in the car track, near Hurd street, this morning and a wheel was snapped off.

The examination of applicants for admission to the training school and kindergarten schools will be held on January 22 and 23 at the high school building, beginning at 1.30 p. m. Friday.

Suits to order at half price. All our $30, $35, $40, $45 suitings and overcoatings marked down to $18, $20, $22, $25. 300 different styles in trousering, regular price $8, $9, $10, $11, marked down to $4.50, $5, $5.50. Cavanaugh & Dissault, Central, cor. Middle; telephone 255-5.

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The members of Ladd and Whitney circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., together with several of the members of Post 185, enjoyed a fine supper at Post 185 hall last evening. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Mary E. Dearborn, Mrs. J. H. Caverly, Mrs. Jennie S. Ferguson, Mrs. Charles Brigham, Mrs. A. M. Stone and Miss May Potter.

DEATHS.

MOORE—Sarah Moore, aged 53 years, died at her home, 36 Massachusetts corporation, yesterday. She leaves a husband, two daughters and two sons, one of the latter a marine on the U. S. cruiser New York.

SEXTON—Sarah, wife of Patrick Sexton, aged 35 years, died this morning at her residence, 4 rear of 113 Adams street. Deceased was a highly esteemed member of St. Patrick's parish. A husband one son and three daughters survive. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's church at 9.30 o'clock Monday morning.

DEVINE—Margaret Devine, aged 37 years, died this morning at her home, 410 Adams street.

McCULLOUGH—Thomas McCullough, aged 29 years, died this morning at his home, 33 Main street.

Twelve Days Longer.

The time to get the 1 dollar bottles of Zyno for 25 cts. and other Mexican remedies at advertising prices is drawing to a close as the Mexican Medicine Co. intend to remain here only 12 days longer to advertise this great remedy. A guaranteed cure for all diseases of the blood, liver and kidneys. Samples free at office, 32 Central street, and all aches and pains cured free.

Financier Dead.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—Colonel Charles H. Banes, president of the Market Street National bank, died yesterday. Colonel Banes was stricken with apoplexy last summer, and had been very ill ever since. He was 65 years old. Colonel Banes had been prominent in financial and business circles for many years. He had been president of the Market Street National bank since its organization, 10 years ago.

Burned In His Home.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 16.—The house of George W. Caswell in West Springfield was burned yesterday, and Caswell met a shocking death in the flames. When his body was discovered in the ruins only his trunk and head remained and his features could not be recognized. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

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Gallant Foresters in gala attire, blooming misses and dignified matrons in becoming costumes, inspiring music and a general air of hospitality and thorough enjoyment were features incidental to the annual ball of Court Merrimack, No. 11, F. of A., in Huntington hall last evening.

Court Merrimack is one of the most prosperous courts in New England, and being composed of prominent and popular men, is always in the vanguard of the social line, and last evening's affair was no exception to the general rule.

The occasion was honored by the presence of Mayor Courtney and his charming wife, Lawrence J. Smith, supreme chief ranger for the United States, members of the city government and other

General Manager
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prominent citizens, including popular Dr. M. J. Landers, whom some unkind gossip had reported deceased. And then as one entered the door and asked for of the beautiful souvenir orders which the court distributed to ticket holders, he was greeted by Past Chief Ranger Edwin F. Young, one of the oldest and best known Foresters in Lowell.

On his breast Mr. Young wore a very pretty medal of gold, bearing the Foresters' emblem, the gift of his fellow members.

The stage on which Hibbard's orchestra was located was tastefully decorated with potted plants, and early in the evening the orchestra rendered the following well selected program:

Overture. "The Amazons" ..... Kiesler
Selection. From the comic opera "Lady Slavey" ..... Kerker
Cornet Solo. Fantasie on "Emmet's Lullaby" ..... Short
Mr. Percy J. Burleigh.
Medley Overture. "Popular Songs" .... Boettger
Sherzo. A Minute too Late ..... Finale

After the concert the floor was made ready for the march, in which 100 couples participated. It was led by Floor Director William E. Dwyer and Mrs. W. F.

Floor Director
WILLIAM E. DWYER.

Courtney; followed by Frank Travers and Miss Lilla Callahan; Edward F. Young and wife; John J. Kelly and Miss Kate Talty; Mayor Courtney and Miss Delia Daly; and Thomas Mooney and lady. The march was a series of graceful evolutions, terminating in the formation of the letter "M," and though difficult, was neatly done.

After the circle the merry dancers started in upon the enjoyment of an order of 32 numbers, with an intermission at midnight for supper after which the dance was resumed and carried happily along until the gray streaks of dawn peeped over the eastern horizon, when with the lively waltz the affair was concluded. Socially and financially as well, the ball was successful. The officers were as follows:

General manager, Edwin F. Young; asst. general manager, John J. Kelley; floor director, W. E. Dwyer; asst. floor director, Frank Travers; chief aid, Thomas Mooney.

Aids, Thomas F. Brennan, John McPadden, James F. Miskella, John Robidoux, Daniel Derby, Joseph B. Maguire, William H. Jones, Phillip McNulty, Thos. Muldoon. Reception committee, Dr. Thomas B. Smith; chairman; James J. Gallagher, G. C. S.; Joseph H. Dallagher, P. C. R.; W. H. Stafford, F. S.; Thomas M. Leeson, S. W.; Owen O'Neil, J. W.; Owen Tighe, Charles McSwiggin, Hugh O'Rourke, John Dowd, C. R. Johnson, Peter Gill, Jeremiah Tompkins, W. H. Quigley, Dr. M. J. Landers, E. F. Young, W. F. Stafford, secretary.

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LATEST

THE MILLS WILL RUN

DESPITE THE MOVEMENT FOR SHORT TIME

Started in Fall River—Lowell Mill Men are Opposed to the Scheme of Curtailment.

The movement started in Fall River for a curtailment of production will probably be defeated. Three Fall River treasurers went to see Mr. Borden of the iron works mill but he would not consent to any curtailment to accommodate the Arkwright club. It is stated that none of the Lowell mill men will countenance the movement.

The principal objection to a reduction in time comes from business men and those manufacturers who say a 40-hour-a-week schedule would not be of sufficient help to the general market to warrant it.

Reports from Fall River indicate that no general agreement for a 40-hour schedule will be signed there until the other New England centers are heard from.

JUMPED EIGHT STORIES

To Death in the Presence of His Wife—She is Hysterical.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

New York, Jan. 16.—Charles Rothschild killed himself by jumping down the shaft from the 8th floor of the Cable building this morning. His wife, who witnessed the suicide is hysterical. Business troubles caused the act.

REV. DR. LANSING

Will Resign on Condition That He Gets a Year's Salary in Advance.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The Journal states today that Rev. I. J. Lansing, of the Park street church, will resign at Tuesday's meeting. Considerable trouble was caused by his recent sensational utterances in condemning President Cleveland as a drundard. He refused to resign and does so on a compromise of a year's salary in advance when he goes.

MEASLES STILL SPREADING

THERE ARE NOW 73 CASES IN THIS CITY.

Which is Nearly Twice the Number Reported Last Week.

The measles is spreading in this city.

Last week 41 cases were reported to the board of health and this week the bulletin comes out with a report of 73 cases. The disease is not confined to one quarter but is spread over several sections of the city.

Children living in houses where the disease has gained a foothold, have been permitted to attend school and it is supposed the measles was spread in this way. Of course in these cases no physician was in attendance, the doctoring being done by the parents.

REV. DR. CONATY.

Resigns Presidency of the Catholic Summer School and Dr. Lavelle Chosen Instead.

New York, Jan. 15.—The trustees of the Catholic summer school of America held a meeting in this city yesterday. A letter was read from the Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, recently elected rector of the Catholic University of Washington, in which he tendered his resignation as president of the school. His resignation was accepted, and the Rev. W. J. Lavelle, rector of the cathedral in this city, was elected to fill the vacancy.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

MULLANEY—The funeral of Michael Mullaney took place yesterday afternoon from his late home, 173 Lakeview avenue. The pall bearers were Messrs. Michael Keefe, Daniel Harrington, James Kennedy and John Murphy.

Among the floral tributes were a pillow inscribed "Father;" an anchor from James Kennedy; a spray of 27 lilies from Daniel Harrington. At the grave in the Catholic cemetery the Rev. Fr. Scannell officiated.

FERNLEY—The funeral services over the remains of the late Mrs. Rebecca Fernley, a very estimable lady, who for a number of years conducted the well known and successful Eagle Troy laundry, were held yesterday noon at her late residence, 320 Market street, Rev. Mr. Sinclair officiating.

There were many beautiful floral tributes laid upon the bier by mourning friends. At the conclusion of the funeral service the remains were conveyed to Wilmington, Mass., where the interment took place. J. B. Currier was in charge.

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E. HOWE'S 81ST BIRTHDAY

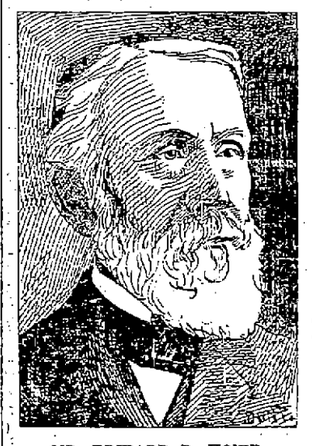
OBSERVED BY A RECEPTION TO FRIENDS TODAY.

He is Hale and Hearty at His Home on High Street—Sketch of His Life.

Edward B. Howe of 210 High street is having a birthday party today.

Mr. Howe is 81 years of age today; and in honor of the event scores of his friends waited on him and extended congratulations.

Mr. Howe told them all that he was thankful that he was able to meet them. The old gentleman came from Marlboro, where he was born, to this city in 1826. He attended the Moody school and after a



MR. EDWARD B. HOWE.

few years' schooling started on his first work in one of the mills. Later he engaged in the carding business and for twenty years ran a place of his own. Then he became connected with the Lowell Card company. He has one daughter living, Mrs. Clara W. Harwood of this city.

Mr. Howe never sought and never held public office. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order and has been connected with the Old Residents' association since its organization.

Sherman on Cuban Policy.

Pittsburg, Jan. 16.—The Dispatch says: The Cuban policy of the McKinley administration will differ very little from that of President Cleveland. This statement is based on remarks made to a reporter by Senator John Sherman, the veteran statesman, who was on his way back to Washington from Canton. After stating that his position in the next cabinet has been determined, Senator Sherman said, in answer to a question: "I think the United States government should not interfere with the Cuban war, either to aid in its settlement or do anything which would make a peaceful government of the island a charge on this country. I understand on high authority that Prime Minister Canovas has outlined a program of governmental reforms which will be applied both in Spain and in Cuba. These reforms will give the Cubans practical autonomy, and will, I hope, settle the question."

Ice Crop Unfavorable.

Boston, Jan. 15.—The season in this part of New England has been rather unfavorable to ice harvesters, as the ice is not yet as thick as it usually is at this time. The Boston Ice company has begun cutting on one or two of its small ponds, but the ice at Wakefield is not yet thick enough. One or two days of cold weather, however, would probably thicken the ice to the desired point. Although the local ice crop is rather scant, reports say the ice in Maine has formed finely, and is of the best possible quality, as it has almost no snow on it. A good deal of ice has been cut there already, and it is expected that the shipments to Boston will be large this winter.

Treaty Binds Commercial Relations.

New York, Jan. 16.—The following dispatch was received yesterday: London, Jan. 15. Chamber of Commerce of New York: London Chamber of Commerce desires to express conviction that treaty just signed will tend to increase friendly feeling between two great English-speaking nations and promote extension and security of their commercial and material relations. (Signed) Convention, London.

Don't Have to Go to Arctic.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 16.—A 50-foot finback whale spouted off Swampscott yesterday afternoon, nearly swamping Captain George Horton, who was in a boat near by. The crew of the schooner Jennie P. Phillip will go out after the whale today.

CHECK MONOPOLY.

Tariff Legislation Favoring Trusts Will Not Be Tolerated.

It is more vital to the public to check the encroachments and oppression of monopoly than to lay a tax, imposed incidentally or deliberately, to benefit the combination of American sugar refiners. What scandal there was in the passage of the present revenue act was concentrated around and about the sugar schedule.

The people will demand a rigid accounting of congress, and with respect to tariff legislation they will insist that no tax shall be levied to foster trusts or promote monopolies. One safe and certain rule for congress to observe is that of putting upon the free list every manufactured product, foreign competition with which is hindered by duties.—Philadelphia Ledger.

For the Inaugural Ball.

In case Mr. Hanna decides on a few fancy dances for the inaugural ball we would advise him to sign Warner Miller for one of his outside the breastworks skirt dances. With the proper music and calcium effects, Warner can give an exhibition of high and hard kicking that will simply set the front row wild.—Washington Post.

How to Extinguish Burning Oil.

Flour thrown upon burning oil will instantly extinguish it, while water only spreads the flames.

A BILL NOW READY

To Be Presented to the Legislature

FOR ANNULMENT OF MAYOR'S APPOINTING POWER.

Rep. Dobbins Selected to Father the Bill.

Yesterday Representative Richard Dobbins filed a bill to be introduced Monday in the legislature annulling any power of appointment conferred on the mayor by the terms of the recently amended charter, and providing that the bill shall take effect upon its passage.

This is the bill prepared in City Solicitor Qua's office Wednesday evening, which was reported exclusively in The Sun.

It was at first planned to have "Bill" Hayes introduce the bill, but the latter declined, stating that he wanted some of the "redistricting business" to blow over before he dabbled in the game again. Then Rep. Dobbins was settled upon and he accepted the commission.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Meeting Showing Its Prosperous Condition—Officers Elected.

The members of the First Presbyterian church held their annual meeting and supper last evening.

David Dickson called to order and Mr. Alexander McDonald offered prayer.

Reports of the officers were then called for. Few rents had fallen off, but $537 were still due, most of which was still good.

By special collections for church debt interest $278 had been raised.

For current expenses, benevolence and missions about $600 had been contributed. The total income of the church had been about $2600.

The pastor received $200 of increase of salary over last year. The officers for 1897 are as follows:

Mr. David Dickson, president; Alexander Mack, secretary; Hector Sutherland, treasurer; David W. Dewar, treasurer of church debt fund; and Andrew Jamieson, financial secretary. The following were elected trustees for three years: Hector Sutherland, Thomas Sutherland and Alexander Mack.

The following were elected auditors for the current year: David Dewar, William M. Rodgar, and Thomas Sutherland. After remarks by Messrs. D. W. Dewar, Alexander McDonald, John D. Hubbard and the pastor, Dr. Court, pronounced the benediction.

SKATING TODAY.

The River, Lakeview and Long Meadow Attract Large Crowds.

A large crowd went skating today, the weather being perfect for the sport. The river, Lakeview and Long Meadow are attracting the crowd, the last named place containing it is said, two miles of excellent skating. During the entire morning droves of young people have been seeking one of the three places mentioned above. The horsemen regret the absence of snow.

Police Court—Hadley, J.

Nine drunks, four of them being women, appeared in court today.

Mary Kelly received two little months in jail, while Mary Moran saw the two and went her two better at the same place.

Wm. Roach, charged with larceny, was continued.

It cost Charles A. Wilson $15 to keep an unlicensed dog.

Uncle Sam's New Buildings.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Secretary Carlisle has sent a letter to the postmaster general informing him of the probable time a number of public buildings now in course of erection will be completed and ready for occupancy. Following are the names of some of the cities and the probable dates of completion: Taunton, Mass., June 30, 1897; Lynn, Mass., Dec. 31, 1898; New London, Conn., Dec. 31, 1897; Pawtucket, R. I., Aug. 31, 1897.

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Opportunity Sale
A GREAT SUCCESS.

A glance at our show windows will disclose the fact that the Opportunity Sale takes in almost anything you may want in Footwear and that Opportunity prices means our regular prices divided by two.

WE MENTION PARTICULARLY

Ladies' Fur Trimmed Slippers, Skating Boots, Rubbers, Cloth and Jersey Leggins, Umbrellas, Thick Soled Boots, Dress Boots of Patent and Light Kid. 10 different lines, $5. Boots closing at $3. See samples in show window.

WE MENTION PARTICULARLY

Men's Miller & Obers $7.50 congress and lace, down to $5. Herth's French Shoes, half price, Johnston & Murphy and Hanon's Shoes, all included in this sale, $7, Winter Russets, $4, Congress, $2. Boys' and Little Men's Shoes all in this sale.

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THE SUN EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK

REV. DR. CONATY

He Will be Installed Next Tuesday.

AS RECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

2000 Invitations to Exercises Sent Out.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Arrangements have been completed for the installation of Rev. Dr. Conaty as rector of the Catholic university which event will take place on January 19. Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Martinelli and other dignitaries of the Catholic church will assist in the exercises and a large number of the New England clergy and laity will attend. Two thousand invitations have been sent out.

NEWS FROM CANTON.

The Policy of the New Administration Will be to Preserve Peace Among Nations.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Sherman returned to Washington this morning from Canton.

He said the policy of the incoming administration is to preserve peace among foreign nations.

FOUND ON STREET.

A Boston Man Died on the Street This Morning.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Jan. 16—Thomas Strubay, aged 52 years, was found unconscious on the street this morning and died shortly afterward. Heart disease was the supposed cause.

A FATAL SLIP.

Connecticut Girl Fell Down Stairs While Going to a Party and Will Die.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

New Canaan, Conn., Jan. 16.—Mina Ogden, aged 25 years, while about to attend a party last night, tripped and fell down a flight of stairs. She has been unconscious since and there is little hope of her recovery.

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

Wm. Kennedy of Danvers Indicted by the Grand Jury Today.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Salem, Mass., Jan. 16.—The grand jury returned an indictment against Wm. Kennedy, a farm laborer, for attempting to poison A. F. Laroyd at Danvers, Nov. 7. He pleaded not guilty. It also indicted Harry L. Smith for abandoning his child.

Murder and Suicide.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Rugby, Tenn., Jan. 16.—Benjamin L. Davis cut his wife's throat and then killed himself today.

Four Hundred Hands Start.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Middletown, Conn., Jan. 16—The plant of the Worcester Cycle company at Worcester is to be removed here, where the entire business will be done. Four hundred hands will begin work in two weeks.

Historian Headley Dead.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Joel T. Headley an eminent historian died this morning of paralysis. He was associated with the Greely Tribune and wrote many historical works.

Frye and Hale Condemned.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 16., Senators Frye and Hale, who are responsible for the substitute house bill to restore flogging in the merchant marine, are severely condemned by the Seamans' Friend societies of this city.

For Embezzlement.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Jan. 16.—Herbert L. Barry, 18 years of age, a clerk for a wool firm, was arrested for alleged embezzlement of $400 on the day after Christmas.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

Guy Wilkes, the famous trotting stallion is to be shipped east from San Francisco to be sold at auction, in a few days.

Mme. Melba is entirely recovered and will sing tonight in New York as Juliet.

J. Frank Davis, the city chamberlain of Flowersville, N. Y., was arrested this morning for embezzlement of $7000. City Clerk Wilworth was also arrested on the same charge.

Sens. Quay and Penrose called on McKinley at Canton today.

Warden Roe and two keepers were suspended this morning, on account of the escape of four men at the Ludlow street jail, New York.

William L. Warner, United States consul at Cologne is dead.

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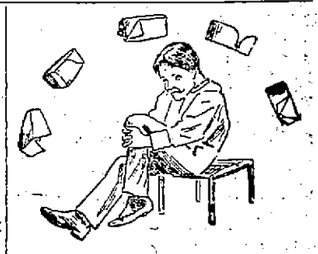

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BERTRAND DIVORCE CASE

LOWELL MAN WANTS A LEGAL SEPARATION.

As His Wife Had Another Husband Living Somewhere in This City—The Case Entered at Cambridge.

Wm. Bertrand of this city desires to have his marriage with Bessie Dyer annulled and has petitioned the Middlesex Superior court at Cambridge.

There was an alleged marriage, he claims, on Jan. 13, 1894, but as the woman had a husband living, he desires that he be made free.

Bertrand and the woman were married at Lawrence, Jan. 13, 1894. In his petition for the nullification of the marriage, Bertrand states that he took the step in good faith, and thoroughly believed that the woman had a legal right to marry. They lived together until May, 1894, when Bertrand became aware of the fact, he states, that his wife had another husband living, and since that time he has not lived with her.

She was married, the petition says, on Dec. 6, 1892, to George Stewart of Lowell, but they separated. Stewart it is claimed, is still alive.

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The Genuine Syr. Figs sold at cut prices at Goodale's Drug Store, 217 Central street.

$20 A very good Square Piano for beginners. Call now. GEORGE A. GARDNER, 20 Prescott St.

EXAMINATIONS FOR TRAINING SCHOOL

There will be an examination of applicants for admission to the Lowell Training School and for the Kindergarten Teachers' Class in arithmetic, English grammar, geography, history of the United States, reading, writing, spelling, drawing and music at the High School building, Kirk street, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 22 and 23, 1897, beginning at 1.30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age and must be residents of Lowell.

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At last Weyler's army has paid dearly for the death of Maceo. Brave Gomez!

Governor Long wants a cabinet position. He is better than many men more favored.

It is not probable that T. Jefferson Coolidge will have any chance of securing the war portfolio.

Haverhill's new postmaster is a gold democrat. There is no complaint since he is not a republican.

Haverhill in assuming the debt of Bradford recently annexed, took on a burden heavier than she knew. She is now staggering under the load. Bradford has the best of the bargain.

If the U. S. government would pay its small postmasters better, it would not have to indict two of them in Massachusetts for embezzlement. They did not steal much for the reason there was not much to be stolen.

Last night the board of aldermen had an opportunity to elect officers in concurrence and thereby bring about an early settlement of the municipal muddle. The republicans are not in a great hurry. In fact they would perhaps be willing to put off the test indefinitely if things remain as they are.

Mayor Jenkins of Lawrence is playing a waiting game in regard to organizing the council. It is now a question of sharp practice in political and legal tactics as between the two parties. The democrats seem to have the advantage, but they are liable to be overcome by shrewd generalship. We shall see.

Governor Pingree of Michigan made a novel suggestion in his inaugural, in proposing that all parties caucus together for municipal officers and accept the result. In that case all the contests would be transferred to the caucuses and as the ballot at the primaries is not sufficiently protected, the result might defeat the will of the people. Pingree's scheme for lower fares on street railroads is all right.

Purchasing Agent Barnard will have to guard against the wiles of the heads of departments in future, as they will endeavor to influence him in the direction of favoring their friends by purchasing some particular kind of paving blocks, some special brand of flour, of sewer pipe and so on. To specify a quality kept only by one concern is equivalent to giving the contract to that concern without competition.

GOING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The republicans are preparing a bill to be rushed through the legislature if possible for the purpose of repealing the clause of the city charter which gives the mayor the power of appointing heads of departments. When they cannot beat the democrats in a square fight they appeal to the legislature for help and are seldom disappointed—of such flamboyant material has the legislature been composed for some year past.

With what audacity these republicans are imbued now to ask the legislature to repeal a measure which these same partisans asked that body to pass last year for the city's benefit! Because a democratic mayor happens to have the appointing power, a mayor against whose official acts no word of reproach can be uttered, yet these political fanatics will not brook fair play. They do not want it, they will not have it, if the legislature can be induced to enter into their selfish schemes. Should the legislature grant such a request, it will brand itself as a body of political flunkeys without principle, decency, justice or honor. Go ahead, gentlemen, if you want to assume the brand of infamy.

THE MONETARY QUESTION.

The republican party is beating around the bush on the financial question. They acknowledge there is something wrong; they have the gold standard for which they fought, but that does not bring relief.

It is not often that the prevailing curse will prove its own remedy or the greatest blessing. Yet they are to let the standard alone and retire all kinds of United States notes just as if that would provide a remedy for an ever appreciating standard.

They want a commission, a non-partisan commission composed entirely of republicans, to settle the whole question. To give it into the hands of such a body would be in their estimation to take the whole matter out of politics, out of controversy, so that the people of the country might not be able to touch the monetary laws until the country was thoroughly committed to them.

It would be difficult to express more clearly the logic of the situation than it is set forth by the Boston Traveller in the following:

"Fools and blind! Do they not see the tendency of affairs? The most dishonest dollar in the world is the gold dollar, or any dollar whose purchasing capacity is augmenting in the same succession as the days come and go, and any currency which is based upon a dollar of increasing purchasing power is a menace to national prosperity. What we want, and what we must and will have, is a larger amount of primary money, which means gold and silver, hand in hand, the money of the people and the money of the constitution."

SHERMAN HAS ACCEPTED.

Ohio Senator Will Direct State Department Under McKinley.

Canton, O., Jan. 16.—"I have accepted the state portfolio," said Senator John Sherman at the Fort Wayne depot a few minutes before the senator left for Washington yesterday afternoon. The senator had but a few moments before left the presence of President-elect McKinley. Concerning other matters connected with the incoming administration the senator was very reticent. Asked as to whether Mr. Hanna would be appointed senator, the senator replied that he did not know, that that was the affair entirely of Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley, and that he had no desire to interfere with anybody's private matters. Mr. Sherman was asked if any other cabinet officials had been settled upon by Major McKinley, and replied that he did not know of any others. Senator Sherman was in the city a little more than three hours, and all the while was at the McKinley home, where he took lunch, together with other prominent callers. The interview confirming his offer and acceptance of the premiership was given the press as he was boarding an eastbound train on the Pennsylvania railroad for Washington.

Senator Burrows, who came with Mr. Sherman, left with him. At the station the Michigan statesman said: "You can say that I had a very pleasant talk with Major McKinley."

Has General Alger been decided upon for the war portfolio?" was asked.

"I cannot say."

"You are here in the interest of General Alger, are you not, senator?"

"Yes, Major McKinley and myself talked over the situation, but as to the result I am not in a position to say. Major McKinley has a high regard for General Alger, and will give careful consideration to anything said in his favor."

Ex-Governor John D. Long of Massachusetts, whose name has been connected with the McKinley cabinet as the New England representative, held a conference with the incoming president yesterday afternoon. He left for Cleveland on the 4:30 train.

Long's Interview With McKinley.

Canton, O., Jan. 16.—Ex-Governor Long of Massachusetts has not been tendered a cabinet position. He is still a probability, and if he is invited, it will be either for the war or navy department. Governor Long left for home last evening, and as he was leaving the city said enough to warrant the above conclusions. He came, he said, at the invitation of Major McKinley, and they talked over the cabinet question. He was offered nothing, and declined to say in positive terms that he would or would not accept if given an opportunity. If he was offered anything, he said, it would be one of the portfolios named. He said New England is almost sure to have a member in the cabinet.

Massachusetts Legislature.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The house yesterday passed a resolution endorsing the international arbitration treaty. The civil service appropriation bill was passed. A petition from Brookline, asking for the impeachment of Chairman Morrill of the Norfolk county commissioners, was referred to a special committee. In the senate the dock commissioners' report was referred to a committee, and other routine business transacted.

TURNING POINT REACHED.

First Week of Year Shows Improvement In Wool Market

Boston, Jan. 16.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin today says of the wool market: The tide is rising, the first week in the year being the turning point. The large sale of Australian wool last week was the forerunner of the large sales that have followed this week. Bargain lots have all been picked up, and a general advance of 1 cent on the scoured pound established throughout the list. The demand has been general, covering fleeces as well as western unwashed wools.

All the big buyers are taking on large blocks of wool, believing that by next summer a new tariff will be in force and that purchases for future consumption are not merely safe, but profitable.

The sales of the week are 5,220,500 pounds domestic and 2,040,000 pounds foreign, against 1,737,600 pounds domestic and 1,448,000 pounds foreign last week, and 1,289,000 pounds domestic and 1,076,000 pounds foreign for the same week last year.

The sales to date show an increase of 3,239,000 pounds domestic and 910,000 pounds foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896. The receipts to date show a decrease of 3748 bales domestic and an increase of 1245 bales foreign.

King of Benin to Be Deposed.

London, Jan. 16.—The Chronicle says it is authorized to announce that it has been determined to annex the Benin kingdom and to depose the king, on account of the massacre of the British expedition. Only two Englishmen escaped the massacre. Both were wounded, and ran into the wood. They have been rescued. A dispatch from Bonny reports that an Englishman, believed to be Mr. Powis, one of the captured civilians with the expedition, has been captured and taken to Benin. His fate is uncertain.

Czar's Gardener Shot.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—The Lokalanzieger publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg reporting a lamentable incident which has occurred in the czar's presence. The czar, it seems, beckoned to a gardener who was working in the park. The guard, seeing the man running toward the czar, shot him dead, supposing that he was a would-be assailant. The czar was deeply affected by this occurrence.

Will Honor Its Late President.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the American Statistical association was held here yesterday. Hon. Carroll D. Wright of Washington was elected president. A committee was appointed to arrange a public meeting of the association, to be held between Feb. 15 and March 1, in memory of its late president, General Francis Walker. President Wright will deliver the eulogy.

Maine Legislature.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 16.—Both branches of the legislature held short sessions yesterday, with a small attendance. A few acts and resolves were introduced, but nothing of a startling nature was presented. In the house a resolve asking for an appropriation of $500 for the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, and one for $2000 for the Bangor Children's Home, were presented. Acts to abolish days of grace and fix the date of maturity on notes and drafts, and for the licensing of game wardens were presented and referred. A joint special committee was appointed to consider matters in connection with the eastern Maine insane hospital, and outline necessary legislation in its behalf. Both houses adjourned until Monday afternoon at 4:30.

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Is your breath bad?
Do scabs form in your nose?
Does the nose bleed easily?
Do you sneeze a great deal?
Is there a pain over the eyes?
Is the voice husky?
Do you spit up slime?
Is there a buzzing sound heard?
Are you gradually becoming deaf?
Is there a ringing in your ears?
Is the sense of smell leaving you?
Does it hurt the ears when you blow your nose?
Does your nose discharge continually?
Do you snore at night?
Is there a pain between your shoulders?
Do you hawk to clear the throat?
Is there a dropping in the throat?
Is the throat dry in the morning?
Are you loosing the sense of taste?
Do you take cold easily?

If you have any of these symptoms you are suffering from catarrh in some form. California Catarrh Cure will instantly relieve and speedily cure you.

Lowell people are beginning to find out. Frank Phillips, who keeps a small confectionery store at 490 Market street, says: "I have had the catarrh for years, suffering at times with a severe pain in my head, ringing in my ears, sneezing, hawking, spitting and often gagging, especially in the morning, which sometimes caused me to loose my breakfast. The dropping in my throat was also very disagreeable. I obtained a bottle of California Catarrh Cure at Ellingwood & Co's. pharmacy and find that it is helping me very much. My head has not felt so clear for months, and I haven't had the headache since I commenced using C. C. C., while the dropping in my throat has stopped. I am glad to express my belief in its virtue and merit, and anyone suffering from catarrh in any form will make no mistake in using this wonderful remedy."

California Catarrh Cure is sold by all dealers: 50 cents, three times as much, one dollar.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

James Phelan & Co., shoe manufacturers of Lynn, Mass., have made a big cut in wages in all departments.

President Diaz of Mexico has been decorated by Emperor William of Germany with the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle.

Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, lieutenant governor of Ontario, who underwent an operation at London, is slowly gaining strength.

Governor Asa S. Bushnell of Ohio, accompanied by six members of his staff, went to New York to attend the Ohio society banquet at Delmonico's.

The Tennessee senate has passed a bill requiring contestants of gubernatorial elections before the legislature to give bond for the costs of contests, to be paid by the contestant if he loses.

President-Elect's Special Train.

Cleveland, Jan. 16.—Colonel George A. Garretson, chairman of the transportation and escort committee in connection with the coming inauguration of President-elect McKinley, states that his committee has completed a program for the running of special trains carrying the president-elect and escorts. The plans have been submitted to the Pennsylvania company, over which railway trains will be run, and will undoubtedly be acquiesced in by the railway officials. The train with the president-elect and party will leave Canton on March 1 at 3 p. m., arriving in Washington the following morning at 11 o'clock. By request of Major McKinley no attempt will be made at fast time, and the train will therefore be run at a very moderate speed. In addition to the president-elect and party this train will carry the inaugural transportation committee and newspaper representatives. The Eighth Ohio regiment, located at Canton, will leave the latter city on a special in advance of the presidential train, and will act as escort to the president-elect from the Pennsylvania station to the Ebbitt House in Washington. Troop A of Cleveland, which will act as personal escort to the president-elect in the inauguration parade, will leave Cleveland over the Cleveland and Pittsburg railway on a special. At Alliance the train will join the inaugural train from Canton, running slightly in advance of it to the capital.

Missionaries Indorse Treaty.

New York, Jan. 16.—A resolution urging the ratification of the proposed treaty of general arbitration was adopted at an inter-denominational mass meeting held last night in Carnegie hall, under the auspices of the simultaneous meeting committee representing the foreign mission boards in the United States and Canada.

Succeeds Dr. Conaty.

New York, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the trustees of the Catholic summer school, held in this city yesterday, Rev. Dr. Conaty tendered his resignation as president of the school, and Rev. M. J. Lavelle, rector of the cathedral, was unanimously elected as his successor.

Vicious Italian Sentenced.

Hartford, Jan. 16.—Roxey Bonna, a vicious Italian, who has been terrorizing Ferry street for the past few days, was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment yesterday. His chief pastime has been attacking women on the street and assaulting them. He met Kitty Clay, and because she refused to talk with him, he knocked her down and kicked her. He next attacked John Powers with a pair of scissors and attempted to stab him.

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THE BIG ARIZONA KICKER

EDITOR PLAYS POKER WITH A HIGHWAY ROBBER.

A Hold Up Follows a Hold Up—William Wise, the Wild Mule Whacker, Becomes a Wiser Man—No More Bicycles For the Able Editor—The Popular Play.

In returning from Red Earth valley the other afternoon we were stopped at Buckshot creek by an ugly faced critter who commanded us to shell out. As he had the drop on us, we handed over our personal effects with promptness and dispatch. He was about to ride away when we proposed a game of poker, and the idea struck him favorably. The two of us sat down on the grass and started in, and at the end of 40 minutes we had won back our valuables and had him dead broke. On the last hand out we held only a pair of kings, and we know from the run of the cards that he had a full house with ace high, and yet we bluffed him out of his horse and guns. He was a mean looking cuss, and he had no scruples about robbing us, but he was a man of his word. He made no kick about being cleaned out, and there was something like a tear in his eye as he asked us if we knew where he could strike a job at a dollar a day. We don't see how he can get another start in the highway robbery business this fall, and we have considerable hopes that being cleaned out will lead to his reformation and salvation.

Unwise William Wise.

Colonel Sinclair's wagon train arrived from the railroad Wednesday afternoon, and at about 4 o'clock his honor the mayor, who is ourself, received word from a mule whacker named William Wise that he proposed to capture the town at 6 o'clock. Mr. Wise hadn't allowed for any change in Giveadam Gulch in the last five years. He figured that things were just as they used to be, when a lone duffer could ride into town with a hoot, shoot right and left with a yell and in the course of ten minutes have the streets to himself and something to brag about for the rest of his life. We were ready, in company with the city marshal, at five minutes to 6. At exactly 6 o'clock William Wise came down the river road like a cyclone, hair flying, a gun in either hand and a war-whoop on the end of his tongue. At five minutes after 6 his cayuse was dead in the road and William was in the town lockup and wondering where he was at. Next morning he was fined $15 and his guns were confiscated, and when he walked off he kept looking behind him and trying to make out how things had happened that way. Any other duffer who feels like capturing the town is invited to communicate with us by mail or personal interview.

Not Any In Ours.

While on a business trip to Florence last week we had the privilege of a close inspection of a vehicle called a bicycle. This was the first time we ever saw one except at a distance. After we had finished our inspection the owner showed us how the old thing worked and suggested that we try it. We had never met with anything on wheels which we could not get on to and stay as long as we pleased, and it was with a great deal of self confidence that we tackled that bike. We know how we got on, but how we got off will ever be a puzzle to us. We can't make out whether the thing bucked with us or ran away, but when we came to we had a scalp wound 5 inches long, our nose was badly warped and we had a mouthful of dirt and grass to chew on. Some men might have tried it again, but we didn't. When we want anything more in that line, we'll get in the way of a stampeding herd of steers or try a timber slide down a mountain. Our friendly feelings for the bikist will undergo no change, but as for the critter itself we warn it that our guns are loaded, and we shall take all precautions to protect ourself.

Making a Hit.

The manager of a theatrical company in Chicago, who has evidently heard of this town and read of the adventures of various combinations visiting us, writes to inquire just what sort of play will take best with our people. We take pleasure in answering him that he will be sure to make a hit and a barrel of money with "The Merchant of Venice." It must not be put on as in the east, however. Venice and the merchant will be all O. K. for about ten minutes. Then there should be five minutes of clog dancing and singing. After that more Venice. Then a fight with Indians or the rescue of a beautiful maiden from a bloody pirate. Don't stick too close to Venice. Our people want a mixture. There will be no objection to singing in a scene from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in one of the acts, nor the gravedigging scene in "Hamlet" in another, but there must be a dance or an abduction between them. Such managers as have taken our fatherly advice regarding this matter have pleased our people and gone away with a hat full of money, while those who have been stiff necked have left town on foot or died of starvation in the woods.

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At the age of 66 years he will be utterly alone in the world, without resources, without the physical strength to make his way through what little of life may remain to him. She that was his wife, if she still lives, is the wife of another, for he was legally dead when the life sentence had been imposed upon him, and she exercised her right to marry again. Those who were his friends all those years ago are dead or scattered through the world. He will be a stranger among strangers. There is none to whom he can turn for sympathy, for aid, or even for opportunity to make a living. Moreover, there will come to him, as never before perhaps, the realization that his life, with all the opportunities which it might have held, has all but passed away.

Governor Morton, before the expiration of his term, commuted the life sentence of George E. Gordon, now in Dannemora prison, to 52 years, so that he will be released on May 8 next, the time off for good behavior being allowed. Gordon was sentenced in this city in 1866 to life imprisonment after conviction of the murder of a stock drover of the name of Thompson in the West Albany cattle yards. Gordon was a resident of Greenbush and was 35 years of age when convicted.

The application for pardon has been on file in the executive chamber for 20 years and was signed by some of the most prominent people and public officials in Rensselaer county. Gordon is at present the prison librarian at Dannemora, and his good conduct during his long confinement, together with the fact that he has always contended that he did not commit the crime, led to the governor's favorable action on the application for clemency.

Under the law at that time a person charged with murder could not testify in his own behalf, but he then declared his innocence. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence, considered strong.

Gordon's wife has married again.—Albany Express.

MOTHERS WILL CONVENE.

National Congress Opens In Washington on Feb. 17.

No little interest is being manifested in the forthcoming national congress of mothers, which will assemble in Washington on Feb. 17 next. Several ladies active in movements having in view the education of children will be prominent in the congress.

Among them are Mrs. Amalie Hofer, editor of The Kindergarten Magazine; Mrs. Sangster, editor of Harper's Bazar; Miss Anna Schriever, State Normal school, Michigan; Miss Frances Newton, superintendent kindergarten work, Chautauqua, and others.

Leading measures that will engage the attention of the congress will be those of inculcating into the minds of children principles of patriotism and humanity, the development of all qualities tending to ennoble the minds of the young and a pure and thorough mental training generally. A reception to the delegates by Mrs. Cleveland will be given at 11 o'clock on the opening day of the congress.

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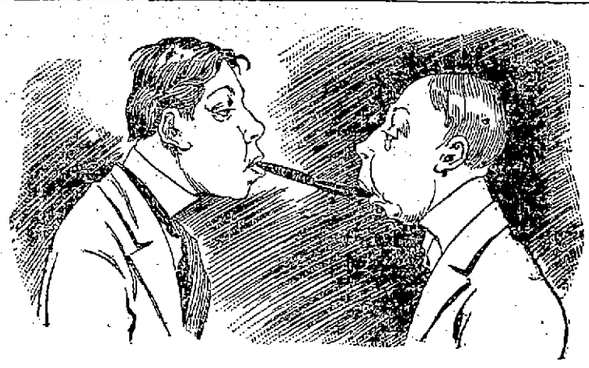

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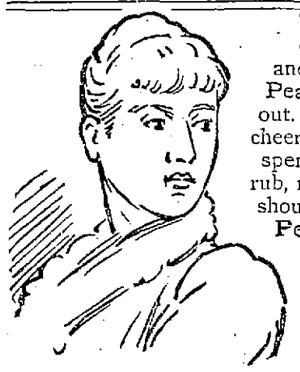

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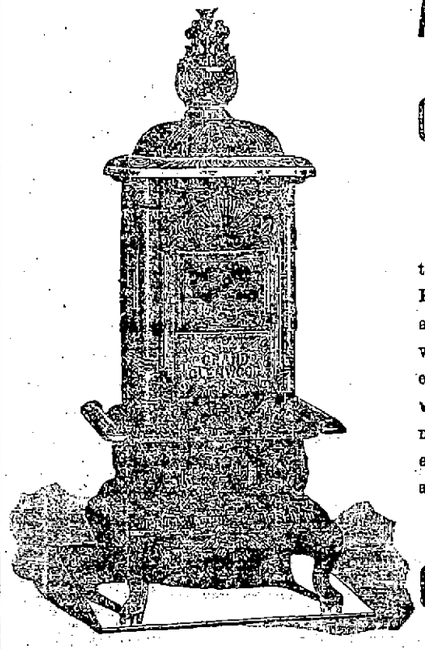

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BUSINESS ASPECT

As Viewed By Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency.

DUN SAYS THE CONDITIONS ARE STEADILY IMPROVING.

The Turning Point Reached in the Situation.

New York, Jan. 16.—Bradstreet's says: Except at a few southern cities, as reported last week, wholesale merchants throughout the country report no noticeable change in trade features, and few, if any, indications of improvement in the near future. Mercantile collections continue slow or moderate. Some jobbers at Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore and other large cities report increased demand for dry goods, hats, shoes, hardware and groceries for spring delivery, but that in other lines business is very dull. Dealers in staples at cities in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina report a better demand for hardware and agricultural supplies, compared with last week. Some Baltimore salesmen are securing relatively fair orders. There has been no revival in textile circles, except increased purchases of wool at Boston by some of the larger manufacturers. Cotton goods continue depressed at first hands, with little prospect for improvement until after production has been restricted.

December gross railway earnings are relatively more favorable than those in preceding months, showing a decrease of 1.5 per cent from December, 1895, while the November total in 1896 fell off 10 per cent from that in November, 1895, that for October, 4.3 per cent, and September earnings 7-10ths of 1 per cent. The best December reports were by southwestern and southern roads, which show gains over December totals in 1895. For the calendar year total earnings of 115 railroads aggregated $508,286,050, a gain over 1895 of 1.4 per cent, which year it will be recalled, showed a gain over 1894 of 5.2 per cent. This gain in 1896 was on a mileage of 94,170 miles. If 11 months' earnings of 27 other roads with 43,000 miles of track be included for both years an aggregate total of $797,716,755 on 137,208 miles of track is obtained, representing nearly 80 per cent of the entire railway mileage and gross earnings of steam railroads in the United States engaged in freight transportation. These earnings figures represent a gain over 1895 of slightly less than 1 per cent on a gain in mileage of about the same proportion, showing that the year 1896, though far from satisfactory in this respect, witnessed at least no falling off from the railway earnings totals of 1895 and 1894.

Bradstreets' comparison of prices of 108 staple articles and products at quarterly intervals for a series of years shows an upward tendency on the part of quotations during the last quarter of 1896. This is shown by there being 40 prices higher on Jan. 1, 1897, than on Oct. 1, 1896, 40 of which were lower and 28 practically the same on both dates—in contrast with 33 higher quotations Jan. 1, 1897, compared with one year ago; 72 lower quotations than on Jan. 1, 1896, and only three practically the same at the beginning and end of 1896. Advances during the last quarter of 1896 were conspicuous among most of the leading cereals, for live stock, meats, dairy products, some vegetables, hides, leather, wools, various grades of iron, copper, lead, brick, glass and spruce lumber: declines were noticeable for miscellaneous food products for cotton, hemp, print cloths, steel, tin, coal, coke, petroleum, rubber, paper and drugs.

Prices for this week show advances for leather, pork, lard, petroleum and cotton, while decreases are reported in prices of hides, wheat, corn, coffee, pig iron and steel billets. No change is reported in quotations for coal, lumber, flour, oats, sugar, print cloths and wool. Heavy stocks continue to depress cotton goods. Iron and steel have not met with the increased demand expected, while sugar and coffee prices have been affected by competition among leading dealers.

Bank clearings throughout the United States amount to $1,048,000,000 this week, 8 per cent less than last week, which was one day short, an unexpected shrinkage in volume of clearings. When comparison is made with the total in the second week of January, 1896, the decrease during this week is seen to be nearly 2 per cent. Contrasted with the corresponding week's total in 1895, this week's clearings show a gain of 7 per cent, and with the like total in 1894, an increase of 13 per cent. But when compared with clearings for the second week of January, 1893, the total for six business days, ending with and including Jan. 14, this year, shows a falling off of 23 per cent.

There have been 478 business failures in the United States this week, compared with 455 last week, 412 the second week of January, 1896, 358 in the like week of 1895, and as compared with 404 in the corresponding period of 1894.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 2,948,154 bushels, as compared with 3,108,000 bushels last week, 3,202,000 bushels in the week one year ago, 2,564,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 3,332,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 3,637,000 bushels in the like week of 1893. Exports of Indian corn this week amount to 3,757,000 bushels, as compared with 4,819,000 bushels last week, 3,336,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 661,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 2,052,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 655,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Business Conditions Gradually Improving, Though Prices Are Low.

New York, Jan. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say:

The greatest growth and prosperity the country has ever seen came suddenly in 1879, after several months of disappointment because specie resumption had not yet brought the benefits expected.

It is not the largest and most powerful vessel that can be started most quickly, and it takes time for new confidence to reach through easier markets, larger orders, resuming mills, expanding employment and larger distribution, to the results which make still greater and lasting gain possible. Such gradual and steady improvement has been in progress for more than two months. The output of pig iron has gained 12.2 per cent in December and 41.6 per cent since Oct. 1. The output of coke has increased 86.7 per cent since Oct. 1. Sales of wool have again become large, though not yet fully reported. Money markets feel a steady increase in demand for commercial and manufacturing loans. Additional works have gone into operation each week in January, and the working force is larger than at any other time for six months. Best of all, there is so little crazy excitement that the gain may be ascribed to the deliberate judgment of the ablest and most prudent men in business.

It is not a time of high prices. Natural and lasting growth does not begin as the flurry did in 1895, by forcing up prices without regard to the consuming demand. The lowest general average of prices in 1879, the lowest for 10 years after the panic of 1873, came several months after solid improvement had begun. Many who are anxious to get early hold on the market are making for the moment lower prices than they could afford to maintain. Some have secured orders enough for months to come, and begin to be less keen in competition.

Textile manufactures are not encouraged by the demand for goods, which scarcely increases, though more print cloths were sold than for many weeks. But some mode of clearing away the enormous surplus has become a necessity. Lower prices are expected in goods, and slow buying is not unnatural since cotton has fallen 17.8 per cent from Sept. 11, print cloths 7 per cent, bleached goods 3½@5½ and brown goods 2½, 3 and 4 per cent. Though woolen goods do not improve, there have been enormous purchases of wool by large mills not in records, which cover for two weeks of January 11,110,300 lbs. at the three chief markets, against 11,817,600 last year and 10,678,815 in 1895. Some large purchases of leather, including 10,000 sides of grain, indicate that some shoe manufacturers are seeing their way to more active work, and shipments from the east in January thus far are 20 per cent larger than last year. Hides at Chicago are 2½ per cent lower.

The wheat market has varied but slightly, closing ¼ of a cent lower. Western receipts for the week, 1,505,032 bushels, against 2,916,274 last year, are checked by storms and by current prices in view of farmers' expectations. Atlantic exports were 10,856,519 bushels, flour included, a gain of 2,701,000, and 6,112,018 Pacific, a gain of 1,057,000 bushels. Traders begin to realize that enormous exports of corn are taking the place of wheat in foreign consumption, and will lessen the demand if wheat becomes dearer. Cotton took a rise of ⅛ on a trader's estimate, without change in conditions.

Failures for the week have been 455 in the United States, against 395 last year, and 71 in Canada, against 81 last year.

Massachusetts Benefit In Canada.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—A meeting has been arranged for between the superintendent of insurance at Ottawa, a representative of the Massachusetts Benefit Life association and the policy holders, to be held here next Wednesday. At the meeting the complaints regarding assessments will be discussed. As there are over 4000 policy holders in Canada considerable interest is being taken in the matter. The Massachusetts company a few years ago absorbed the business of the Canadian Mutual Aid association, and is doing business in Canada under a Dominion license. It has a deposit of $100,000. The Canadian policy holders claim that they are being deliberately forced out by the exacting of enormously increased assessments.

Objected to Alimony.

Boston, Jan. 16.—A notable case was tried in the divorce session of the superior court here yesterday, when Horatio W. Southworth, a wealthy Springfield paper manufacturer, appeared before his former wife, now Mrs. Treadwell of Brooklyn, as petitioner for the discontinuance of alimony. It resulted in a practical victory for the petitioner, as Judge Lilley gave a provisional judgment in his favor, which it is expected will be sustained in the supreme court, to which the case will be taken. The decision is an important one, as the court holds that a second marriage by a petitioner in a divorce suit ends the payment of alimony. The alimony amounted to $150 a month.

Mother Wanted to Keep Children.

Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 16.—The three children seized by State Agent Loring of the state board of charities on Tuesday last, from the home of Mrs. Clara Sargent, have been turned over to the state board by Judge Cate of the district court. These children were in a starving condition, and it was charged by the officials that Mrs. Sargent had no right to the care of them. One of the children was Marguerite, the child actress, who was formerly an attraction of a traveling theater troupe in New England. Mrs. Sargent fought hard to have the children returned to her, and the town officials fought equally hard to prevent it.

Board of Trade Organized at Brockton.

Brockton, Mass., Jan. 16.—The new board of trade was formally organized last night. The officers are: L. E. Chamberlain, president; Charles A. Eaton and Ellery Cahoon, vice presidents; L. Frank Garfield, treasurer, and Frank E. Angerer, secretary. These officers, with Edward W. Mellen, E. M. Low, Frank E. Shaw, Alderman Fred L. Smith and Alderman Fred H. Packard, constitute the executive committee.

Seven Men In Peril.

Menominee, Mich., Jan. 16.—Last night nine men were clinging to a block of ice a few rods square that was being driven out of Green bay into Lake Michigan by a fierce southerly gale. The wind was blowing 30 miles an hour, and carried on a zero temperature and an occasional snow squall. The men are fishermen, clad only in the none too heavy clothing worn while tending their nets, and unless the ice floe has been blown against Chamber's island or Green island, there is little possibility that they lived through the night. The doomed men are residents of the little fishing village of Menekauneo, and their wives and children and neighbors spent last night on the mountains of ice that fringe the beach, weeping. The men were all fishing, when the ice suddenly broke up, and they were carried away from shore before assistance could be rendered.

Cannot Send For Voters.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—The election of Hugh John MacDonald as member of the Dominion house of commons for Winnipeg has been declared void on admissions made by his election agents. Only one witness was examined, and his testimony related to the hiring of vehicles to take voters to the polls. This is against the Canadian election law. MacDonald has entered an appeal to the supreme court.

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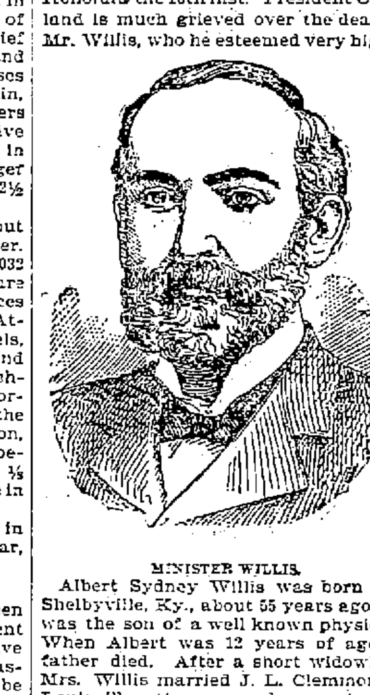
Washington, Jan. 16.—News was received here yesterday of the death of United States minister Albert S. Willis at Honolulu on Jan. 6. Pneumonia, contracted in San Francisco last April, while the minister and his family were on a visit home, was the immediate cause of death.

On Oct. 31, while leaving church, Minister Willis' horse ran away, and he was thrown out. He never left his home after the accident, which increased the fever and brought on the fatal illness.

The remains will be brought home by the steamer Australia, which sailed from Honolulu the 13th inst. President Cleveland is much grieved over the death of Mr. Willis, who he esteemed very highly.



MINISTER WILLIS.

Albert Sydney Willis was born near Shelbyville, Ky., about 55 years ago. He was the son of a well known physician. When Albert was 12 years of age his father died. After a short widowhood Mrs. Willis married J. L. Clemmons, a Louisville attorney, and came to that city to live. Albert was sent to the public schools. Later he entered the high school and took the full five years' course, graduating with distinction.

After graduating he taught school out on the Bardstown road. While filling this post, he studied law and later matriculated at the Louisville law school. In 1866 he graduated from the law school and began practice.

In the early seventies he was elected to the office of county attorney, which position he held until his election to congress in 1876, when he succeeded Henry Watterson, who had been selected to fill the unexpired term of E. Y. Parsons. He became a favorite lieutenant of Mr. Carlisle and maneuvered his forces for the speakership, to which office Mr. Carlisle was elected for the first time in the Forty-eighth congress. Mr. Carlisle then made Mr. Willis chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, which responsible position he ably filled. Mr. Willis served five terms in congress.

In 1893 Mr. Willis received the appointment as minister to Hawaii and accepted and assumed the post. He arrived at the island during the most critical moment in its history. Queen Liliuokalani had been deposed, and another government had taken the place of the monarchy.

The most intense interest existed as to what course the president would adopt. Mr. Cleveland intrusted his secret orders to Mr. Willis, and they were to the effect that Queen Liliuokalani should be reinstated in event of her granting immunity to all political offenders. This she declined to do. The recent state of affairs is well known. In 1876 Mr. Willis married Miss Florence Bulaney. They have one son, Albert S. Willis, Jr., who is at Honolulu.

Important Street Railway Change.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 16.—William W. Crapo and Henry W. Crapo have purchased a majority of the shares in the Union street railway recently controlled by the Beckley syndicate. This is an important event to many investors in this city and southeastern Massachusetts. Ex-Governor T. M. Waller of Connecticut and other capitalists were the leading owners, Waller being one of the directors. By the deal the Crapos become managing owners, and their policy will be to inaugurate reforms demanded by the traveling public. There will be a new executive management. The capital stock is $3,500,000.

Insolvent Gas Company.

Laconia, N. H., Jan. 16.—A petition in insolvency against the Winnipesaukee Gas and Electric Lighting company has been filed with Judge W. B. Fellows of the probate court at Tilton. A hearing on the petition was ordered for Jan. 19. The proceedings are commenced by the Laconia National bank. The liabilities are estimated at about $45,000, including the bonded indebtedness of $40,000. The assets are not stated.

Boston Cycling Clubs.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the Associated Cycling clubs of Boston and vicinity was held last night at Young's, and F. S. McCausland was elected president after a spirited contest. The directors elected were H. C. Nickerson, A. D. Peck and J. W. Porter. The auditing committee elected were Warren Dow, G. H. G. Ferguson and C. E. Gilchrist.

Schooner Goes to Pieces.

Portland, Me., Jan. 16.—The schooner John Somers, which went ashore on the southern end of Monhegan island last wee, has gone to pieces and is a total loss. She was not insured, and her cargo of oil was nearly all saved.

Congregational Chimes.

Portland, Me., Jan. 16.—W. L. Blake, a wealthy oil dealer of this city, has presented the St. Lawrence Street Congregational church with a valuable chime of bells, and when they are in place they will be the only chimes in Portland.

Five Orphans Perish.

Dallas, Jan. 16.—Late last night the boys' wing of Buckner's Orphan Home, five miles from this city, was destroyed by fire. Five boys perished in the flames and several others were burned.

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COCKRAN'S WORDS

Business Men of Boston Hear His Argument.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

One of Many Meetings of Interest to Public.

Boston, Jan. 16.—W. Bourke Cockran was the central figure of the Boston Merchants' association's annual dinner last night at the Vendome. Gathered about the New Yorker were many of the leading men of New England.

The banquets of the association have always been memorable, and the subjects discussed have been of a character of great public interest. The movement toward the improvement of Boston harbor, which was taken up last year, has since been pushed vigorously, and last night Mayor Quincy announced that the making of Broad sound the principal entrance to the harbor was in a fair way of becoming a fact.

Interest last night, however, centered in the great speech of Hon. W. Bourke Cockran of New York, and it is safe to say that a more eloquent address has not been heard in this city for years. The association also entertained as guest William C. Cornwell, president of the City bank, Buffalo, who made an interesting address on the currency question.

President J. R. Leeson presided, and after a few preliminary remarks of a congratulatory nature introduced Governor Wolcott. His excellency extended a cordial welcome to the guests of the association from out of the state. Mayor Quincy spoke particularly on the process of the work in the improvement of the harbor, with special reference to the recent report of the commission on docks and terminal facilities. The mayor pledged himself to use every means in his power to make the harbor of Boston one of the finest in the world.

Mr. Cornwell received a cordial welcome.

The entire association rose as Mr. Cockran was introduced, and he was received with tremendous applause.

Mr. Cockran spoke particularly on the moral and material welfare of the country. He said in part:

Prosperity must be moral as well as material, and the law of economy itself is but a feature of moral law.

Let us not therefore be deceived by the issues and results of the last election. The last great struggle decided that the country will never tolerate confiscation of property for a pretense of a change in values.

The election was an uprising against the elements which would destroy law, justice, honor and morality.

Now what is prosperity? It does not mean an abundance of moey, but an abundance of commodity.

The wealth of every nation is the sum of the property of the individuals which compose it. We must have more corn, more wheat, more manufactured goods, more lines of railroads to carry them.

That is prosperity.

Neither does prosperity or wealth consist in what legislation can create. No legislature can create nor make money for a community.

Mr. Cockran here illustrated the money question by taking his watch from his pocket and saying:

I can take this watch case and melt it down into coin. I shall have more money than I have now, but I shall be less wealthy, for I have destroyed the value of the labor on the watch.

The road to wealth lies in the obedience of the laws of God.

Taking up the tariff question he said that what the country needs more than anything is some fixed policy regarding the tariff. Trade will never revive until trades know what is exacted of them.

Mr. Cockran announced himself a free trader, believing that protection exacts a tax which is unjust. He denounced, however, the tariff legislation of 1894, and said that the party that betrayed the tariff then betrayed the constitulon in 1896.

With eyes open we who for years have been free traders voted for a protectionist, and doing so we should be willing now to stand by such a policy. We have no right to demand that the party we supported should make a modification of the tariff on our lines, but we can advise, and we ask that some fixed policy be adopted. When such a policy is established then we will see a prosperity, greater and wider than this or any other country ever saw.

During the last campaign we did not promise a magical revival of trade, but we did say that it would take an upward start, and it has, and now industry and prosperity are in process of creation.

And with the increase in prosperity the country will go on to success, for it is easier to hold together the forces of common sense than to keep united the hosts of dishonor.

I have no apprehension of the future of our country. The government must continue, because the truth upon which it is based is eternal. We may have sudden storms, but they will pass away; we may have flurries, but they will subside, but whatever disturbance may threaten, truth, justice and law must triumph, because they are based upon the one word, and that it is God.

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Resigned His Pastorate.

Penacook, N. H., Jan. 16.—Rev. E. G. Spencer has resigned as pastor of the Congregational church here. He came direct to the church after his graduation at Andover seminary, and his installation was delayed on account of his advanced theological views, which had caused considerable discussion in the denomination.

AT THE CAPITAL

The Day's Proceedings Were Dull.

A BILL FOR THE PURCHASE OF CUBA.

The Status of the Pacific Cable Scheme.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The proceedings in the house yesterday were very tame. It was private bill day, but the whole time was consumed in passing through the house bills favorably acted upon in the committee of the whole before the holiday recess. The widow of the late Major General John Gibbon was the beneficiary of one of the bills passed, carrying $100 per month, and the widow of Brevet Major General W. A. Nichols of another, carrying $75 per month. The free homestead bill, which came back to the house with senate amendments, was referred, under a ruling of the chair, to the committee on public lands.

At the evening session of the house 14 private pension bills were reported with a favorable recommendation. Among them were bills granting a pension of $50 per month to the widow of General Green Clay Smith, and $75 per month to the widow of General Henry A. Morrow. The last mentioned bill was advocated by Representative Mercer, who had the amount increased from $50 to the amount named.

Representative Spencer of Mississippi introduced a bill which follows:

"The secretary of state is hereby authorized to offer to the government of Spain a sum of money, not to exceed $200,000,000, for the purchase of the island of Cuba.

"And the sum of $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of pending negotiations, is hereby appropriated."

The Pacific cable project was considered again yesterday by the house committee on commerce, which listened to a statement by General Wager Swayne, in behalf of the Pacific Cable company of New Jersey, in which he is associated with Colonel Spaulding of Honolulu, Ogden Mills, James J. Hill, Abram S. Hewitt and other capitalists.

General Swayne urged the house committee to recommend the senate bill, which authorizes the postmaster general to contract for a cable from the Pacific coast to Japan, by way of the Hawaiian islands, with an annual subsidy not exceeding $160,000. A bill has been reported to the house for a subsidy of $100,000 a year to the Pacific Cable company of New York, in which James Scrymser and J. P. Morgan are interested.

The recent colonial conference, which decided upon the project of a British cable from Vancouver to Japan, by way of Australia and Honolulu, General Swayne said, endangered the success of an American enterprise, unless immediate steps were taken by congress. He urged the house to adopt a plan which would insure competition for the subsidy, believing that no bill giving a subsidy to a particular company would succeed while it was known that other responsible parties desired to bid. That part of the project of the Scrymser company which contemplates a cable from Japan to China, General Swayne held to be unnecessary, because two established cables fill that field now. Nor did he believe a cable could be finished to Honolulu within a year and Japan within 18 months, as that company offers to do. He offered in behalf of the corporation which he represents to deed Colonel Spalding's concessions from the Hawaiian government to the successful bidder under any bill which provided for competition.

Filed Petition of Insolvency.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 16.—George R. Henderson, proprietor of an extensive carriage manufactory at North Cambridge, has filed a voluntary petition in insolvency.

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At the early age of twenty-four his extraordinary skill and success in overcoming disease had already attracted the attention of medical men throughout the world, and won for him the highest honors. His greatest achievement was the discovery of an original method for perfecting and compounding in permanent form what has become known as his "prize formula," and which, under the name of Puritana, is legally protected.

The foundation of this remarkable medical discovery consists of simple New England roots and herbs, and the original family recipe for it has descended to the long line of Crosby physicians from their Puritan ancestors. Its peculiar vegetable composition rendered it necessary to brew it whenever needed in the early days of its history, and after the scattering of the Puritan families to remote localities, where the necessary ingredients were not to be found, many attempts were made to put it up in permanent form, all of which failed until Dr. Dixi Crosby discovered means and methods, the result of which is: Nature's Cure compounded in the laboratory of Common Sense.

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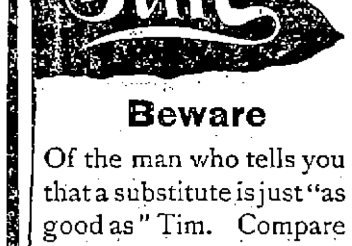

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For Lawrence, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p.m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Haverhill, 6.30, 6.50, 8.20, 9.25 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Salem and Lynn, 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Newburyport and Amesbury, 6.30 a. m. 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p. m.
For Exeter and Dover, 6.50, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p.m.
For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 4.05 p. m.
For Somersworth, N. H., Salmon Falls, Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.50, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Lewiston, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Bangor, Belfast, and way stations, 8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Skowhegan and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.
For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., and the Provinces, 5.10 p. m., except Saturday. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, 8.30. a. m., 5.10 p. m. (5.10 doesnot run Saturdays); SUNDAY, 5.30 p. m.
For Eastport and St. John (per steamer), on Mondays, 12.05 p. m.
For Castine Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones, from Rockland), last trip for season, Dec. 25, '96.
‡Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

Southern Division.

On and After Oct. 4, 1896, Trains Leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as Follows:

For Boston, 5 45, 6 30, †6 50, *7 45, *8 50, †9 00, *9 40, 11 00 a. m.; 1 40, †3.00, 4.25, †5 35 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5 45 a. m.
Trains Leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:
For Boston, 5 48, 6 33, †6 53, 7 01, 7 18, *7 27 7 33, *7 48, *8 57, 9 03, *9 50 11 03, 11 42 a. m 12 16, 1 43, †3 02, *3 55, 4 03, 4 28, 5 22, 5 38, 6 21 7 51 p. m. SUNDAYS, *7 18, *7.27, 8 48, *2.19 a. m.; 4 25, 5 58 p. m.
For Woburn, 6 30, 7 01, 7 33, 7 45, 11 00 a. m.; 1 40, 4 28, p. m. SUNDAYS, 5 45 a. m., 4 25, 5 58 p. m.
*Express. ¶Via Bedford.
For Lawrence, 6.30, 10.00 a. m; 4.15 p. m.
For Salem, and Way Stations, 7.23 a. m.; 1.28, 5.53 p. m.
For Ayer Junction, and Way Stations, 7.10 a. m.; 12.00, 5.00 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS 2.15 p. m.
For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.13 a. m.; 1.00, 3.43, 5.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 8 p. m.
For Greenfield, Peterboro', Bennington, Hillsboro' and Keene, 9.13 a. m. and 3.43 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Greenfield, 2.00 p. m.
For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.40 9.13, 9.40, 10.00 a. m.; 12.09, 1.00, 1.40, 3.43, 5.40, 6.17, 8.13, 8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only) 3.08 a.m., 2.00, 6.02, 8.12, 8.40 p.m.
For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.13, 9.40 a. m.; 12.09, 1.40 (to Franklin only), 5.40, 18.13 p. m.
For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction—7.40, 9.13 a. m.; 1.40 p. m.
For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville via Wells River—9.40 a.m.; 1.40, 18.40 p. m.
For Montpelier, Montreal, Essex Junction, Burlington and St. Albans, via Central Vermont line—9.40 a. m.; 12.09, 18.13 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line—9.40 a. m.; 18.40 p. m.
Quebec Express via Plymouth and Sherbrooke—1.40, 8.40 p. m., daily except Sunday.
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LOST—The night of Jan. 12th, 6 o'clok, Middlesex street depot, ladies hand bag. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to 11 West Adams street, or addressing G. M., Box 531, City.

LADIES, my monthly regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. I have never had a single failure; no other doctor can say this. Longest cases relieved in 2 to 5 days without fail; no pain, no danger, no interference with work; price $2; by mail or at office; consultation free; all letters truthfully answered. DR. TOLMAN, 170 Tremont street, Boston.

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TO LET—A tenement of five rooms conveniently located. Apply at John McKeown's, 4, rear of 81 Chapel street.

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LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

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FOR SALE—1000 second-hand windows. J. W. Bennett, 561 Middlesex street.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, five minutes walk from mills, good cottage house of seven rooms, in good repair. If you are looking for a home this will suit you. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

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FOR SALE—On Wilder street, two-story, two tenement house. This is a bargain. Price $3000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:10; sets, 4:39.
Length of day—9h. 29m.
Moon sets—6:43 a. m.
Full sea—9:15 a. m., 10 p. m.

Forecast for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont: Cloudy weather; slightly warmer; easterly, shifting to southerly winds.

For Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut: Light local snows; probably clearing during the day; northerly to easterly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

There is talk of a new hotel being erected on Central street.

The Catholic Lyceum will hold a carnation carnival Jan. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stickney have gone on a trip to California.

All the evening schools have been visited by the evening school committee.

There are many visitors to Memorial hall these days, according to the custodian.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone 439-9.

Fifty dress suits to let for parties and balls. Telephone 255. Cavanaugh and Dissault.

Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I., who has been ill, has recovered and is about his duties again.

The committee on books and supplies of the school board will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

George W. Harrington of South Highland street, was seized with an attack of paralysis yesterday.

The democratic city committee caucuses in Wards 1 and 6 next Wednesday evening, will open at 7.30.

If your coal does not suit you, try Mullin, the 1018 Gorham street coal dealer. You can get him by telephone connection.

"The Growth to Better Social Conditions" will be the address at Unity Guild, 118 Church street, tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

Among the councilmen the rumor has gained circulation that President Penn will appoint his committees at the next meeting.

The latest thing in the smoking line is the cigarros advertised by John W. Pevey. They are all Havana tobacco and sold at 10 cents a box.

Dr. John H. O'Connor of Hyde Park, and Dr. John O'Sullivan of Lawrence, were in this city yesterday and called on their friends.

The feast of the Holy Name will be observed in the Catholic churches tomorrow and there will be receptions of new members into the Holy Name societies.

The civil service examiners spent all yesterday afternoon in the council chamber examining the papers of some of the applicants who took yesterday's examination.

If F. M. Barney & Co., can make the lowest bid for a car (150 barrels) of bread flour to the city of Lowell, in competition with the leading wholesale dealers, they can name a price to the citizens of Lowell lower than any retail dealer cares to sell at. They inform us that the lot of 500 barrels is going fast at $4.95 and that the sale will continue until all is sold.

Buy good clean Coal, D. W. Horne & Son, 15 Central street.

Ward Eight Republicans.

The Ward Eight republican club held a love feast in Bay State hall last evening. The D. L. Page Co. catered, and the gathering included many leading republicans of the city. Ex-Councilman George is president of the club.

BICYCLIST HURT.

He Was Thrown Under Another Wheel on Middlesex Street.

A young man named Weston R. Waterman was riding a bicycle on Middlesex street, near Central street, yesterday, when the fork of the wheel snapped and the rider was thrown under a passing vehicle. He escaped without injury, however.

BOXING GOSSIP.

Martin Flaherty received word from Roche, of New York, this morning, stating that the fight with Frank Erne is off, owing to circumstances over which he had no control. Martin had begun light training for the event, but will now look for a go with White and if possible a return match with Dixon.

Joe Flaherty is in town again after a prolonged tour of Connecticut and New York, during which he appeared in the ring several times.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor Sun:

Dear Sir:—Please give space to the following: I read in yours of the 1st inst. an article that a new society is about to elucidate Irish history to the American people. They tell us that the Dutch and the Spanish have historical associations, Yes, they have them in their mother tongue. Why not the Irish have theirs in their mother tongue? I appeal to the clergy of this city to encourage the reading of Irish lessons in their young men's halls and I also appeal to the heads of societies to join hands with the promotors of the Gaelic League and president of the Celtic chair in Washington university and form a branch of Irish reading in this city.

All large cities have branches of the League except Lowell. I would assist in teaching one or two hours for two nights each week free of charge. Young and old are invited to join and help. We want 25 persons to send there names to your paper to form a club as a beginning. Come gentlemen and open that great storehouse of knowledge that is locked in darkness, for at least one hundred years. Irish history has been forgotten since Dr. John O'Donovan's time. In the works of Eugene O'Curry the book of Kells and the book of Durrow of the 6th century, the gospel St. Moling of the ninth century, the book of Laccan of the 15th century also Liber Hymnorusum of the 10th century and annals of the four masters in the 17th century are untold treasures. Our Irish monks wrote history ages ago for the colleges of Europe. The learned Italian Etscoli is many years writing an Irish dictionary, and many foreign scholars study Irish for its treasures.

Sir please not mention my name until I hear a response to this call. I hope you will publish this and receive the thanks of the Irish people. J. F.

Skates! Skates!

This is good skating weather. We will sell you a good pair of skates for 25c. Dickson Bros., 68 Merrimack street.

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CUBAN REFORM MEASURE

STATEMENT UPON THE ATTITUDE OF SPAIN.

Comments of Various Papers on the Situation.

London, Jan. 16.—The Standard's Madrid correspondent, with reference to the coming decree for Cuban reforms, which he says the queen regent has completely approved, telegraphs as follows:

It is evident that the government wishes to indicate that it has acted spontaneously, even going beyond the powers already voted by the cortes, which will have to grant a bill of indemnity for the new decree. The reforms will show how far Spain is prepared to go in decentralization without surrendering any rights or prerogatives of the home government and of the cortes, in which both Cuba and Porto Rico will have due representation. It will also be seen that in the reform of the tariff Spain is disposed to sacrifices compatable with the needs of the Cuban budget. More can hardly be expected from a Conservative cabinet, and Spaniards will anxiously watch the effects of this change of policy in the new world.

The Standard says of this dispatch in an editorial:

The plan owes its origin to Senor Canovas, and it is a foregone conclusion that the council of state will approve the reforms. It is Spain's only safe policy. She incurs a grave risk of a rupture with the United States by continuing the war. She is right in refusing to quit her hold of Cuba. If the insurgents are discontented with the concessions Spain is justified in a severe use of the sword.

Senor Canovas has taken a courageous line in braving a storm of popular passion. We hope there is enough common sense and loyalty in the country to support him. The time could not have been more wisely chosen, because there is no appearance of yielding to American dictation.

PLASTERERS ROBBED.

Three Men Are Arrested For Swindling Them.

New York, Jan. 16.—Assistant District Attorney Battle has given out the facts regarding the defalcation of funds of the Plasterers' union, and in which two arrests have been made. The men arrested are Michael Kiernan, 29 years old, and Lawrence C. Sory, a keeper in the Tombs, and a friend of the co-defendant. A third man, Timothy Sullivan, has not yet been arrested. Kiernan has made a full confession of his crime, and it was on his evidence that the indictments were found. Kiernan and Sullivan were members of the board of trustees of the union. It is a large organization, and the annual income is more than $20,000. The money was always placed in the Union Dime Savings bank and the Emigrant Savings bank. By arrangement, money could be drawn upon the order of Kiernan, as a member of the board. According to the confession, he drew out $5367, which he spent with Sullivan and Story. The money was taken in November, and two of them went south. Story is charged with having got a share of the stolen money, as he went around with the men.

MURDERED HIS BRIDE.

Serious Charge is Brought Against Patrick Donahue.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—Patrick Donahue, who was married Thursday afternoon, was arrested yesterday charged with murdering his wife. A reception was given at their home at 2119 Darien street, which lasted until 10 o'clock Thursday night. That was the last seen of the couple until yesterday morning, when a milkman came along and rang the door bell. Donahue came to the door, affrighted and haggard, and asked the milkman to go for his sister, saying his wife was sick. When Donahue's sister reached the house she found the woman dead. Her face was black, her head cut, and bloody finger marks were on her neck. Donahue was placed under arrest, but denies all knowledge of the murder.

SCARLET FEVER.

Raging in the Little Town of Merrimack, Mass.

Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 16.—The scarlet fever epidemic here is increasing, four new cases being reported yesterday and one death. The public library has been ordered closed and all books fumigated.

Skowhegan, Me., Jan. 16.—An epidemic of scarlet fever has broken out in Athens, 12 miles from this place, and the town is under quarantine. Business is temporarily suspended, all schools have been closed by the board of health and no services will be held in the churches on Sunday.

O'NEIL'S STORY.

He Endeavors to Prove an Alibi But is Weak.

Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 16.—Jack O'Neil, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Hattie E. McCloud at Shelburne Falls last Friday, was interviewed in jail yesterday. He talked freely, but declined to tell where he got his money or to account for his time on the night of the murder. He protested his innocence of the crime, and said he did not see Mrs. McCloud that night. He said he had been drinking freely on that and previous days, but was not drunk. He said he and others were drinking with Jimmy Wood, who had money, and they were helping him to spend it. He said he left the house after supper about 6:10 and met Mrs. Dow and Lena Schontag by the bridge about 8 o'clock. He refused to explain his movements during this time, but said he would do so in court. Just before meeting the two women he said he saw Julius Pfersick and accosted him. He said he then crossed the bridge and went into a pool room, but soon returned and purchased a pint of whisky at the Woodward House, paying 50 cents for it. He refused to tell where he obtained the money. Woods and Pfersick are new men in the case, and the stories will be sifted by the officers.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

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ALMOST FATAL ACCIDENT

A CARPENTER FALLS THREE STORIES

Through an Elevator Well—He Was Picked Up Unconscious and Taken to His Home Badly Injured.

The new Marin block on Merrimack street, opposite Race street, was the scene last night of an almost fatal accident.

One of the carpenters employed in the exterior of the building is D. A. Girard, who resides at 22 Exeter street.

Mr. Girard was at work on the third floor, and just before 6 o'clock began to prepare to leave for home.

He started to walk across the floor and stepped into the elevator shaft. A portion of the staging on the second floor extended into the shaft and this broke his fall.

He was picked up on the ground floor and afterwards taken in the ambulance to his home. The man complained of severe pains around the chest and shoulders, but no bones are broken.

CRICKET CLUB DANCE.

Annual Party Was Held in Prescott Hall Last Night.

The Lowell Cricket club held an enjoyable concert and ball in Prescott hall last night

The concert, which came before dancing, included songs by Miss M. M. McCaffrey, and Mr. J. S. Jackson; cornet solos by Miss Pratt, and selections by Bamber's orchestra.

The dancing was in charge of the following officers:

General manager, Hugh J. Murphy; floor director, Walter Ellison; assistant, John J. Murphy; aids, J. Waterson, J. Smith, M. Burns, H. Hale, M. Duggan, M. Casey, A. Simpson; reception committee, William Gath, T. Hilbert, William Flynn, M. Miklejohn, William Hounsell, H. Perkins.

BASE BALL.

A new base ball team to be known as the Athletes has been formed and will be managed by Walter Whittaker, who is well known in base ball circles. His team is well selected some of the players being Jack McVey, Ledwidge, Whalen, Shepard, Crosby, Vaughn, Fratus, Lawler and Muzzey. McPherson and Davis will also be secured if possible.

The club will hold a ball at Associate hall Feb. 26.

Denny Long is hustling for players for his Wilmington team and among those he has secured are Pete Anderson, a South Paw twirler from Oswego and W. A. Spratt, a short stop from Illinois.

BOWLING NEWS.

In the Highland club tournament last night, Kirby made 604, and his team lost to Team Seven 2162 to 2217. Team Two also won by defeating Team Eleven 2235 to 2139.

On the Vesper alleys last night, Team Nine won from Team Seven 2120 to 2114.

The office employes of the water works department defeated the shop hands 2106 to 1958.

Yesterday's Fire.

An alarm from box 93 just before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was for a slight blaze in an old shed on May street, Centralville, used by a club of boys for a meeting place.

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THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The engagement of Barney Ferguson and Tim Cronin in McCarthy's Mishaps is one that the people have been requesting during this present season. At last they are here with their clever company of laughmakers.

Barney Ferguson has been before the public for the past five seasons and at every performance during that time he has not failed to please the lovers of amusement; same can be said of Mr. Tim Cronin who today stands on the same par with Mr. Ferguson. Everyone should not fail to grasp the opportunity of seeing these clever comedians in that roaring farce comedy, "McCarthy's Mishaps," which gives its last performance tonight at Music hall.

Spiritualism Tomorrow Evening.

At Music hall, Sunday evening, Jan. 17, Manager Boody has secured the services of one of the most remarkable men of the 19th century, Prof. Fred D. Barrall, who is looked upon as the only genuine and bona-fide medium in the world this side of India. He exposes to his audience all the fraudulent tricks of so-called mediums, and produces all his startling manifestations in full light on the open stage. He produces the ancient writing on the wall, the La-Hassa Test the Striboff Mystery, and positively full forms, sometimes 8 or 10 in number, in full light; they can be conversed with and many fully recognized.

The press and public all over the universe speak of him in the highest terms, praising him for his remarkable work. He donates a part of his receipts to charity, viz: poor children, thereby becoming a public benefactor. He is the first and only one of his kind who has ever visited our city.

The Elite Vaudeville Co.

Seldom do we see such a list of leading vaudeville people on one bill as appear at Music hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, under the title of the Elite Vaudeville Co., which also introduces as an extra attraction, Edison and Dow's latest invention, "Rayoscope," a feature in itself, and produces life-size moving photographs, with colored effects. Then there is an olio which is "all right," including Lew Benedict, the famous minstrel; Howley and Doyle, Allie Leslie, 3-Craigs—3, Millie Salvina, Dryden and Lyons, Waldo Whipple, the Belmonts, Phil H. Morton, Nelson Brothers, and Newell and Cinquello.

Savoy Theatre.

The Savoy company next week will be seen in a double bill, and in which both plays will be very pleasing to witness. The first is the charming one-act play, "One Touch of Nature," in which Mr. Weston will be seen in the role of "Wm. Penn Holder," with Mr. Burress as "Mr. Belgrave," Mr. Fleming as "Beaumont Fletcher," and Miss Annable as "Constance Belmour." This play is to be followed at each performance by the sparkling comedy in 3 acts, entitled "Snowball," with Mr. Weston as "Felix Featherstone," Mr. Alden as "Uncle John," Mr. Wright as "Harry Prendergast," Mr. Scranton as "Saunders," Miss Knight as "Mrs. Featherstone," Miss Annable as "Ethel Granger," and Miss Knott as "Penelope." With these two strong casts in such attractive plays, the theatre will have good houses all the week.

There is to be a special matinee on Thursday afternoon, when a testimonial performance will be given to Mr. Weston by the lady patrons of the Savoy. A great bill will be given, which will be announced later.

This afternoon and evening the Crust of Society will be seen for the last time before a new bill is put on. Miss Fitz-Allan will not appear in next week's bill.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Kirk Street Church Held Last Evening.

The Kirk street church held its annual meeting last evening and after receiving reports from the church officials, elected the following officers: A. L. Thompson, clerk and treasurer; George W. Batchelder, auditor; Miss Merrill, Mrs. J. B. Trueworthy, Miss Brownell, and Mrs. Jolly, deaconesses; Henry Hyde, Elmore Webster, Arthur Wright and Harry Sewall, ushers; E. P. Woods, Jacob Rogers, G. W. Batchelder and Miss Ela Edgell, Central Mission committee; D. A. W. Burnham, deacon for six years.

Mr. Nathaniel Honstin entertained a party of 30 of his friends at his home on West Fourth street last evening.

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POLICE NOTES.

A sneak thief stole an overcoat from the house of Franklin T. Wilson of 109 Grand street last evening the thief entering the entry while the family were at supper. An undercoat and vest which hung nearby were not touched.

EFFORTS APPRECIATED.

Ladies to Tender a Testimonial Benefit to Kendal Weston.

The following correspondence explains itself:

Mr. Kendal Weston, Savoy theatre, Lowell, Mass.:

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned patrons of the Savoy theatre, and admirers of the excellent manner in which the various productions at your theatre have been given for our amusement, should very much like to express our appreciation of your earnest efforts, by tendering you a testimonial in the shape of an extra matinee performance for your benefit, to be given at your theatre on a date most agreeable to you.

If you would kindly select the play or plays you would like to appear in, we would only suggest that you favor us with some of your recitations and personations in addition thereto.

Trusting our idea may meet with your approval, and that you select an early date, also awaiting your reply.

We are very sincerely, Mrs. A. Fels, Mrs. G. E. Stanley, Mrs. Chas. W. Eaton, Miss. S. E. Hovey, Mrs. E. T. Rowell, Mrs. Prentiss Webster, Mrs. Hiram Whitney, Mrs. F. C. Plunkett, Mrs. Kate S. Martin, Mrs. Alfred Clarke, Mrs. F. P. Marble, Mrs. Wm. S. Lamson, Mrs. Henry C. Howe, Mrs. Charles E. Paige, Gertrude I. Stanley, Mrs. Harry Raynes, Mrs. Joseph S. Brown, Mrs. J. V. Meigs, jr., Mrs. Wilfrid Taylor, Mrs. S. P. Hadley, Miss Ball, Mrs. Julian Talbot, Mrs. C. H. Conant, Mrs. O. Saunders, Mrs. E. M. Tucke, Mrs. W. A. Dickinson, Mrs. M. S. Thompson, Mrs. C. H. Kimball, Mrs. J. V. Keyes, Mrs. G. C. Evans, Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Mrs. J. M. G. Parker, Miss Mansur, Mrs. E. J. Noyes, Mrs. Fred A. Buttrick, Miss M. B. Russell, Mrs. Thos. M. Noyes, Mrs. Edward Ellingwood.

January 12, 1897.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 14, 1897.

To the Ladies who signed the request for a Testimonial Performance:

Your letter tendering me a testimonial, in the form of an extra matinee performance, has been received by me, and in reply I would say that if the efforts of myself and company have met with your approval and appreciation, as your flattering remarks would suggest, I can only say that I am extremely gratified and proud of the fact.

As to your request, I shall be pleased to accept the proffered testimonial, and will name Thursday afternoon, January 21, as the date on which it will be given, and will present the following program:

The one-act play, "In Honor bound," the third act of "The Crust of Society," and the one-act comedy, "My Father's Wife," besides which I shall be pleased to recite "Fra Giacome." Thanking you once again, I remain,

Sincerely yours, KENDAL WESTON.

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Miss Norcross is a charming speaker, and the evening was one of rare enjoyment to the faculty, students and friends of the Training school. It was one of the lecture course provided by the principal, Miss Edmund.

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